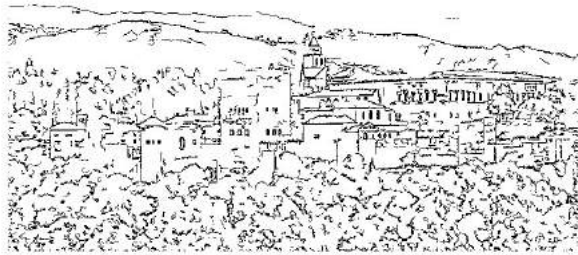


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MADRID
SPAIN EL
RETIRO PARK



Where is Madrid and what is El Retiro?

Madrid is the capital city of Spain. Located in the middle of the country, Madrid has plenty of things to do and see as a family. Madrid has some wonderful buildings, lots of culture and history, but there are also a few good amusement and themed parks for children.

One of my favourite places in Madrid is Park Retiro - El Retiro. The full name is Parque del Buen Retiro, which means the Park of the Pleasant Retreat. It is located in the city itself and is a wonderful place to relax. You can take out a little rowing boat onto its lake, which is fun.

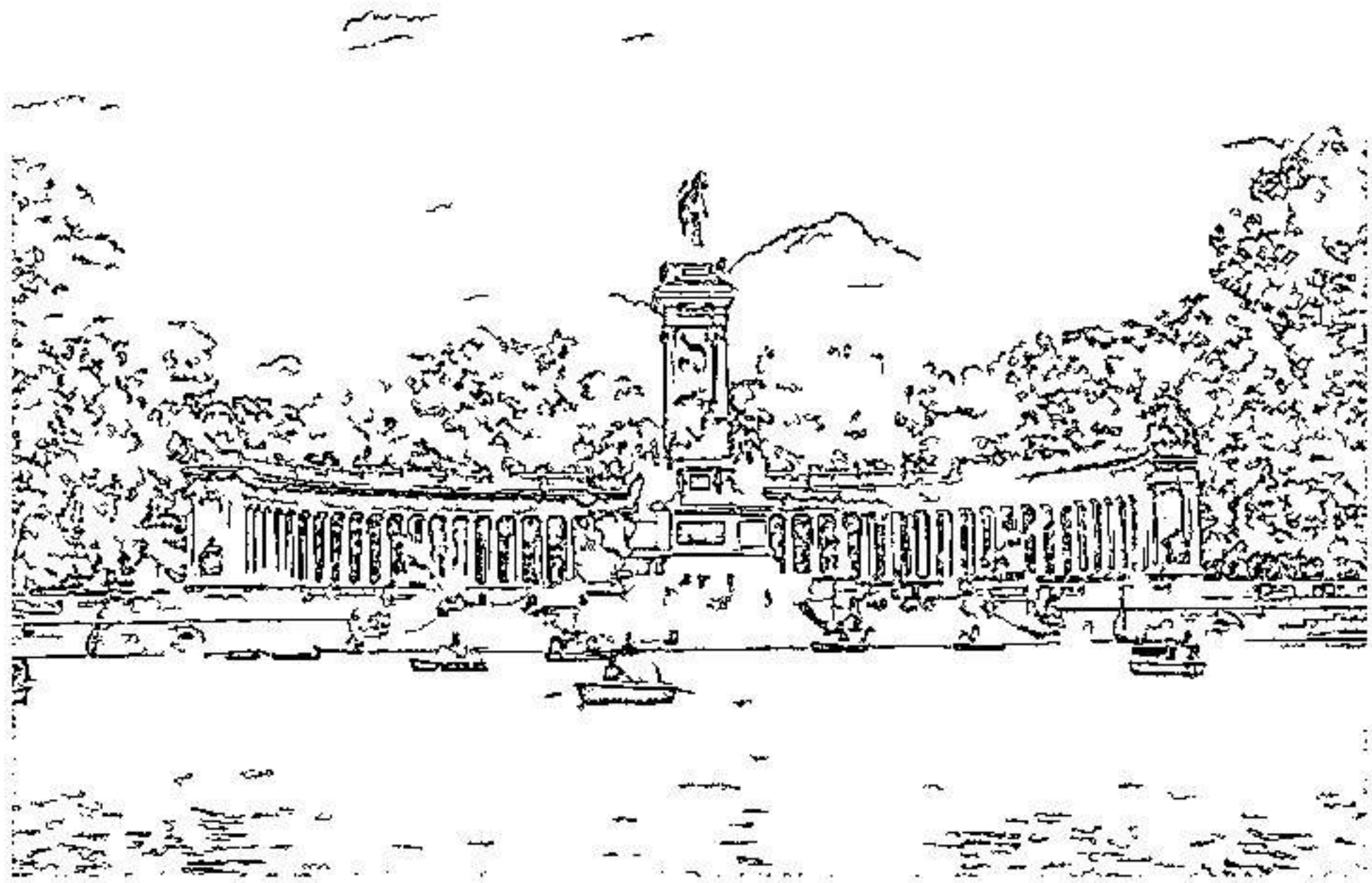
The park can be traced back to the 17th century when the Count-Duke of Olivares gave some of his land to King Philip IV. The Count Duke built a villa to impress the King and ten years later started building the park that you can visit today.

The park used to be a place where the Royal Family and their friends would see plays and performances. Then later on in the 19th century, Retiro (as the locals call it) was opened up to the public so they too could enjoy it.

Before you go be sure to ask the Tourist Information when the puppet shows are on, as they often have funny puppet shows there in the summertime. The park is beautiful and has lovely paths, a crystal palace, exquisite sculptures and even an Egyptian temple.

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