



Martinho Fountain

> Place of Interest

VILA FOUNTAIN

Ex-libris of Castelo de Vide, the Vila Fountain enriches whoever drinks the famous medicinal mineral waters that continually spring up throughout the region. Its role in the urban planning of the old Jewish quarter is undeniable, with all the surroundings being developed around its function. Five streets leave from it and on it five streets will end. Built in the reign of D. João III in the sixteenth century and considering that the Jewish quarter dates back to the fourteenth century, we can conclude that before the splendid architectural building we observe today came into being, there was already a spring of water there. Real Estate of Public Interest since 1953, the Fountain of Vila embodies in its waters a historical heritage of incalculable value.

PR5 CVD WALKING PATH OF THE FOUNTAINS IN THE VILLAGE



> Highlights

NATURE: special mention of the native species occurring in the undergrowth of some groups of Pyrenean oak: butcher's broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*), Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum odoratum*) and *canafrecha* (*Ferula communis subsp. Catalaunica*), an Iberian endemism.

HERITAGE: Castle of Castelo de Vide; Fort of S. Roque; Parish Church of Santa Maria da Devesa; Jewish quarter; Synagogue.

HANDICRAFT: embroideries; *talegos* (bags embroidered with linen); art of working wrought iron, wood, cork and horn (miniatures); tiles; weaving.

GASTRONOMY: *sarapatel*; *cachafrito*; *molhinhos* in tomato sauce; *alhada* of dogfish; liver, Castelo de Vide style; *pezinhos* of coriander; sausages. Sweets (*boleima*, *broas* of honey, *enxovalhada* – an Easter tradition -, cottage cheese cheesecake).

> Recommended season

This walking path can be done throughout the year. Nevertheless, users must be aware of high temperatures during summer time and some slippery points during winter and rainy days.

> Trail signage

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right way



wrong way



turn left



turn right



coincident path
GR with PR



> Walking code

Follow sign-posted trails only. / Respect private property. / Avoid making unnecessary noise. / Do not disturb the animals. / Do not collect or damage plants or rocks. / Do not litter and leave no trace of your visit. / Do not light fire and do not throw cigarettes on the ground. / Be kind to local people. / Beware of cattle. Although gentle, they do not like strangers approaching their young. / Leave the gates as you found them. If they are closed, be sure they remain well shut.

> Useful contacts

Town Hall of Castelo de Vide: +351 - 245 908 220
Municipal Tourist Office: +351 - 245 908 227
SOS Emergency: 112
SOS Forest: 117
Medical Center: +351 - 245 900 160
Anti-Poisoning Information: +351 - 217 950 143
GNR (Republican National Guard): +351 - 245 901 314
Fire Department: +351 - 245 901 444
Village Hall of São João Baptista: +351 - 245 900 060
Village Hall of Santa Maria da Devesa: +351 - 245 900 060
Village Hall of São Tiago Maior: +351 - 245 900 060

PATH NETWORK IN NATURE



Promotor:



Walking path registered and approved by:



Partner institution:



Co-financing:



Walking path description



Vila Fountain. The ex-libris of Castelo de Vide almost certainly dates from the reign of D. João III.

The set of fountains of Castelo de Vide and its surroundings reveal the wealth in water resources of this locality. Beginning next to the graveyard, the pathway passes through the busiest areas of the village leading us to discover some of its most noble spaces and to explore some of its hidden corners. Here we find monumental fountains and fountains of highly artistic workmanship. The path, then, leads through the peri-urban area, following the Ribeira de São João, surrounded by agricultural lands and farms. In this section we see that the fountains were places that served simultaneously for human consumption, watering cattle and even washing clothes. From them the waters are channelled for irrigation, and in the end, the remaining water always finds the closest watercourse. The path encircles Castelo de Vide, passing through narrow walled pathways and along a medieval stone-paved roadway at the point where it heads back to the village. The path enters the village's oldest borough through one of the ancient gates of the wall - the Gate of São Pedro - and crosses the main street of the walled citadel, the Rua Direita. It crosses through the wall again, coming out by the Gate of the Village and continues, fountain by fountain, through the former Jewish quarter. The path ends at the Vila Fountain, but ends up going through some of the noblest areas of the village.



type of path



distance



time



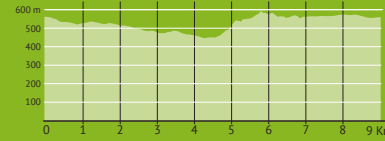
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grading



altitude max/min



gradient profile



The difficulty level is determined according to 4 different factors, each of which is assessed on a scale of 1 to 5 (from easiest to most difficult)

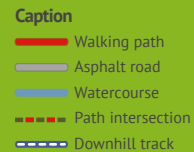
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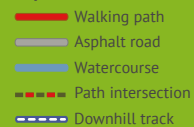
Mealhada Fountain



Pêro Boi Fountain



Caption



Starting/Ending: close to the Chapel of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios (GPS: 39°24'38, 25" N; 7°27'00, 77" W)

Recommended direction of the walking path: clockwise

Walking path reception centre - GPS: 39°24'59,39" N; 07°27'18,75" O



Places of Interest

- 1 Mealhada Fountain
- 2 Besteiros Fountain
- 3 Martinho Fountain
- 4 Pêro Boi Fountain
- 5 Cortiço Fountain
- 6 Areia Fountain
- 7 Penedo Monteiro Fountain
- 8 Santa Ana Fountain
- 9 Bom Jesus dos Presos Fountain
- 10 Castle Fountain
- 11 São Tiago Fountain
- 12 Vila Fountain
- 13 Ourives Fountain
- 14 Montorinho Fountain
- 15 Cascata Fountain
- 16 Pedra do Alentejo Fountain
- 17 Vale Serrão Fountain
- 18 Regalo Fountain



Serra de São Mamede Nature Park

The Serra de São Mamede, which gives name to this Nature Park, is the largest mountainous formation south of the Tagus River. Due to its geographical location and the fact that it rises above 1000m, it has distinctive microclimate aspects that have allowed the establishment and survival of some animal and vegetal communities that occur here in an almost isolated manner. The Bonelli's eagle is represented in the symbol of this Protected Area. It is currently one of the rarest birds of prey found in our country.

