



Chapel of Calvary

Also known as Saint Mary Magdalene or the "Church of Stone", this is an unusual church with a circular floor plan covered by a dome and lantern. Embedded into the outside are small granite stones that symbolise the suffering of Jesus Christ on the Hill of Calvary, and it is this unusual feature that has made it the symbol of the town of Ferreira do Alentejo.



Wrought Iron

Ferreira was always a place of blacksmiths, something attested to by the legend from which the town derives its name. The trade still continues in the wrought iron workshop located next to the Chapel of Calvary. Here, the iron is wrought into different shapes: floral and geometric shapes, scrolls and fish, which adorn the main façades of houses in the form of windows, doors and gates, or the bedrooms with iron beds decorated with scroll shapes.

Eat here!

Meals and snacks are very appealing in Ferreira do Alentejo. You can have lunch or dinner in a restaurant or have a snack in a tavern or in one of the cafés in the traditional Alentejo style that can be found in the municipality.



Comendador Infante Passanha Square

Once known as Rossio, this is the heart of the old part of the town, where the Main Church stands, together with the buildings of the Municipal Council, the Civil Parish, and the Philharmonic Society. In the middle of a paved area of Portuguese *calçada* stands a monument in honour of Comendador Infante Passanha and a sculpture by the artist Francisco Rato.



Municipal Museum

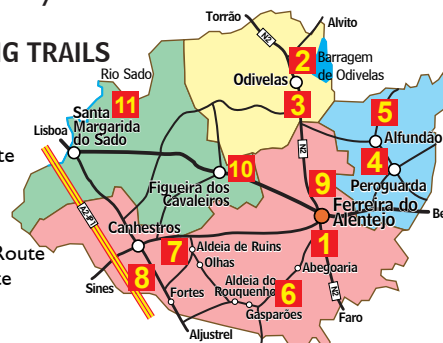
The museum opened in 2004 and it shows the development of the human communities that lived in this area between the fourth millennium B.C. and the 19th century. Apart from the main building, the museum also includes the Centre for Religious Art in the Misericórdia Church, the archaeological site of the Monte da Chaminé Roman Villa, and the House of Wine and Song in the Zé Lélito Tavern.

The municipality of Ferreira do Alentejo is located in the Lower Alentejo, exactly halfway between the Atlantic coast and the border with Spain. With an area of 648.25 km² and a population of 7,850, the municipality has a strong focus on agriculture, in the form of both traditional cultivation of olive trees and the cork oak forests of the montado, and modern cultivation using irrigation. There are traces of occupation by humans since the Middle Palaeolithic, with the region being used throughout all the periods of pre-history and history.



PR - SHORT WALKING TRAILS

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- PR9 Farms and Estates Route
- PR10 Olive Oil Route
- PR11 Sado River Route



CONDUCT AND SAFETY

This trail is reserved for walkers only. Walk in a group; avoid going alone. Wear a hat and suitable clothing and footwear for your intended walk. Take a backpack with plenty of food and water. Be respectful of public and private property. Leave gates and barriers the way you found them. Avoid using plastic items and dispose of rubbish in the proper places. No naked flames or lighting fires of any kind. Make use of local services for overnight stays, meals and shopping.



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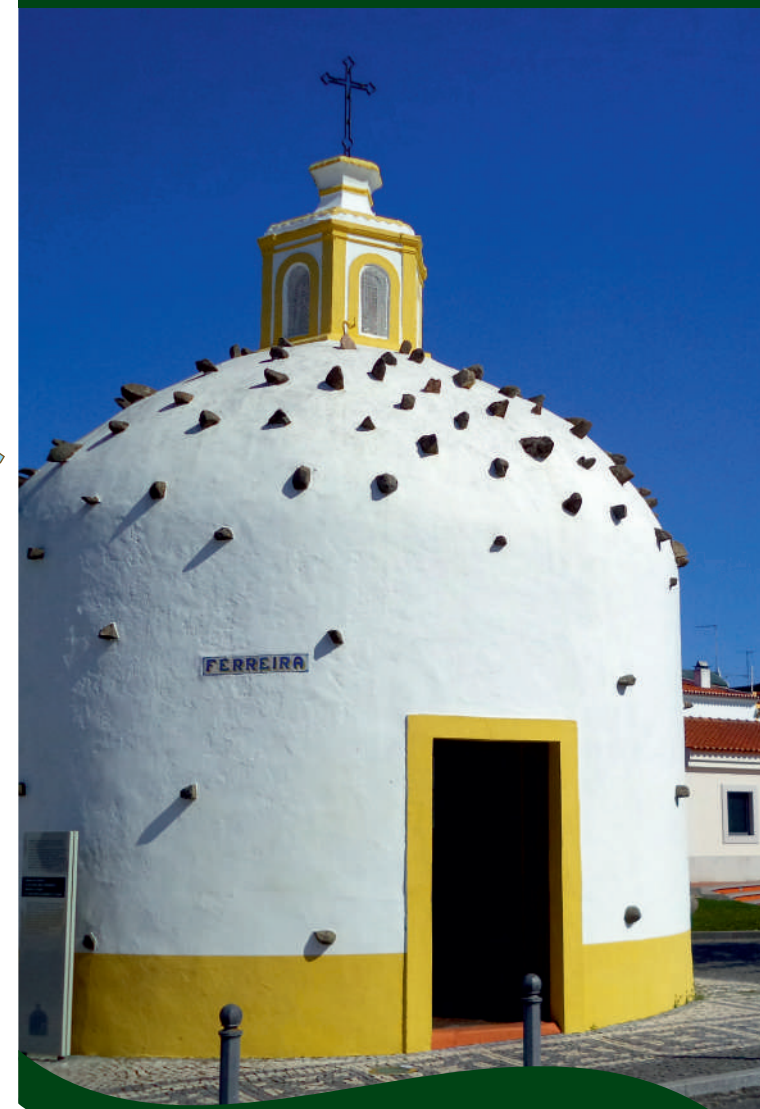


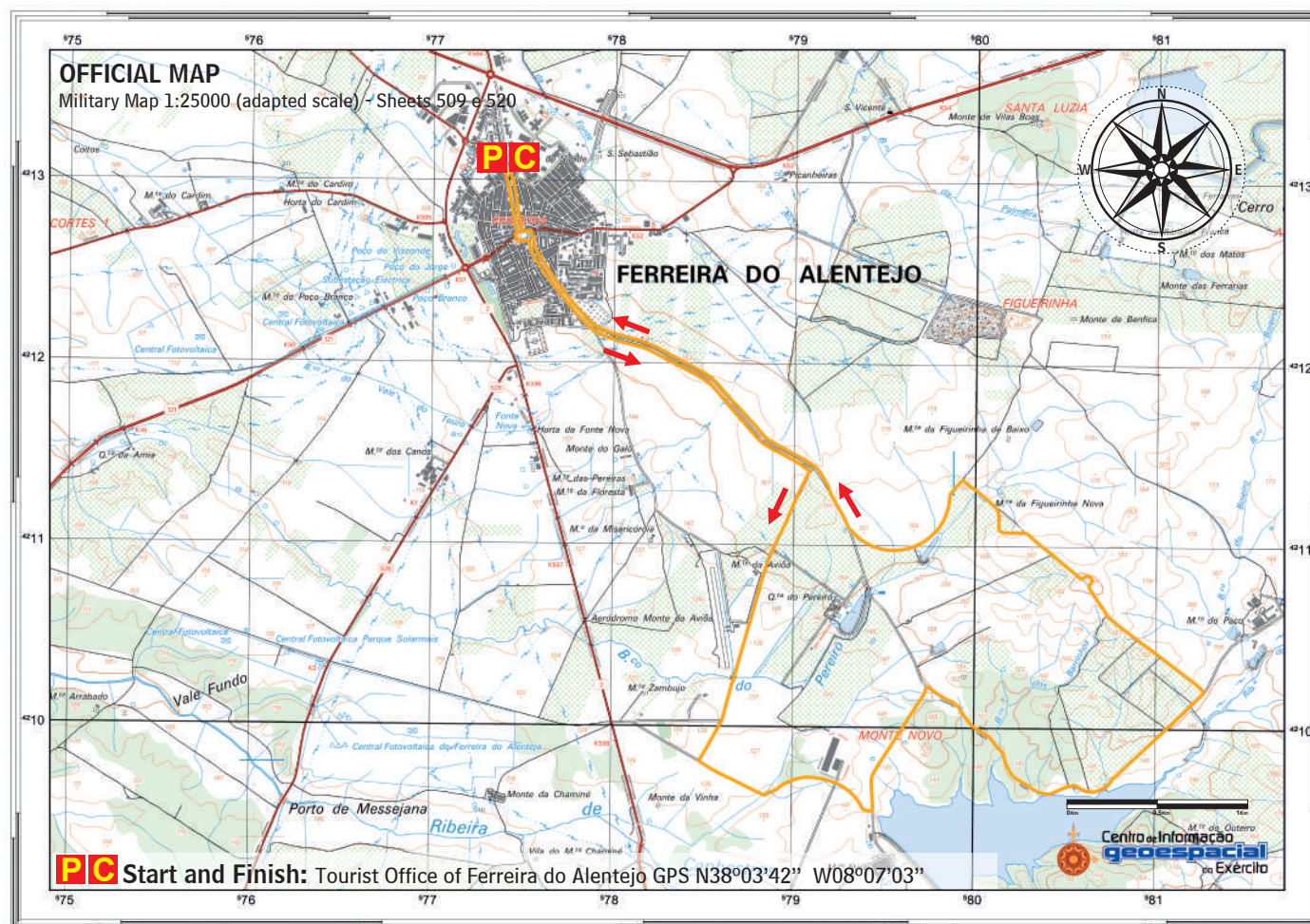
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ROUTE





DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAIL

This is a circular trail in the shape of a lasso, with a repeated stretch at the beginning and the end connecting to the starting point in Ferreira do Alentejo. Exploring Ferreira do Alentejo on this route is an opportunity to enjoy the restful sight of never-ending fields, where the farmlands, irrigated orchards, olive groves and livestock all teem with life and generate wealth from every patch of land. The route is accessible to any walker and combines immense plains with impressive high points that afford views as far as the eye can see. Set off from the Tourist Office, right next to the Calvário Chapel, and go along Rua Capitão Mousinho towards the Igreja Matriz (Main Church) of Ferreira do Alentejo. Continue through the square named after Comendador Infante Passanha behind the church and, at the corner of the square, head towards the Igreja da Misericórdia (Church of Mercy) and the cemetery, where Ferreira Castle once stood. After passing the cemetery, continue along the paved road on the left until you reach a large olive plantation; turn right here, onto a dirt track. Keep going along the track, passing the aerodrome, until you have to turn left towards the large farm and livestock buildings of the Vacaria da Torre. Head towards the reservoir but, before you reach it, take the dirt road heading north. At the first junction turn right and continue along the right bank of the reservoir. After you pass the old olive plantation, take the first left next to the new olive plantation and start the climb towards Cerro da Águia (Eagle Hill). From here you can enjoy the view of the fields all around. Start the gentle descent towards the distribution station for the irrigation system and go around it until you cross a little stream nestling in the valley. Turn left here and go around the edge of the centre-pivot irrigated field. Turn right at the paved road, beside the massive walnut tree belonging to Quinta do Pereiro, and continue along the country road towards the town of Ferreira do Alentejo, heading back along the same road you came out on.

POINTS OF INTEREST

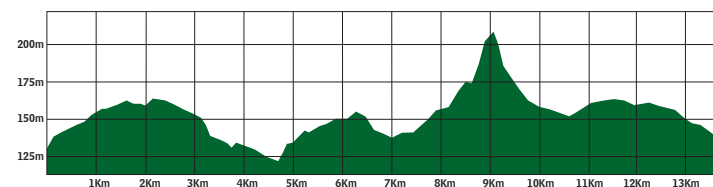
Village of Ferreira do Alentejo
Chapel of Calvary
Church of NªSra da Assunção
Comendador Infante Passanha
Ferreira castle/cemetery
Cereal-growing steppes
Olive plantation

DATA SHEET

Path: Loop.
Distance: 13.8 km.
Accumulated elev.: 212 m.
Duration: 3 to 4 hours.
Difficulty: Medium.
Surface: Country paths and secondary roads.
Season: All year.

ALTITUDE GRAPH

Check the relationship between distance and altitude scales.



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