

This walking trail begins close to the Church of Sra. dos Remédios and it invites you to discover beautiful landscapes around S. Paulo's mountain. Part of this panoramic trail takes you around the village, giving you the chance to see the nature and history of Castelo de Vide, and all from the top!

While you are walking up the hill, observe the farming lands surrounding Castelo de Vide, the mountain fault line and also a piece of an old medieval paved trail.

You will see oak trees, (cork) oak trees, enchina trees, chestnut trees and olive trees. There are also great spots for bird-watching. Its also common to hear the sound of boards (wild pigs) and foxes, specially at night.

After tasting the water of Fonte Nova, be careful, because you have to cross a very busy national road.

After the church, you'll see the lands that are irrigated by the brook of S. João and you'll also notice more and more the people's presence.

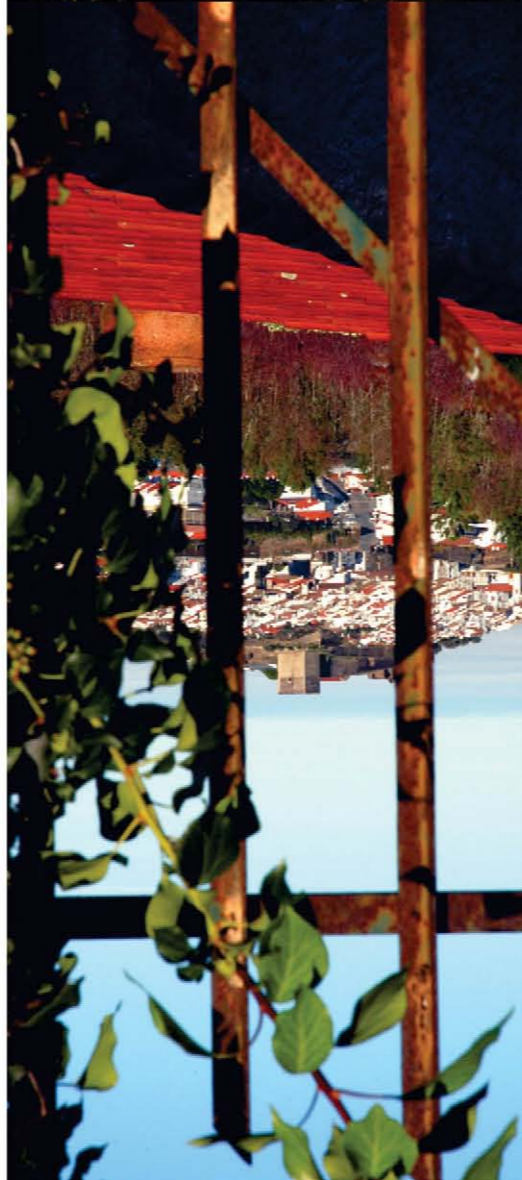
By entering the village by the northeast side, you will find the oratory of Santo André in the final part of this trail.

He hope you have a very pleasing day.



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**Castelo de Vide**  **Serra de S. Paulo**  
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**Points of Interest**

**1 - Fonte do Regalo (fountain)**

In the shadow of a large nut tree, this old fountain is a place that invites you to take a break. The date of this construction is unknown.

**2 - Falha Geológica (geologic fault line)**

The mountain of S. Paulo was formed between 700 to 300 thousand years ago.

The fault line that crosses Castelo de Vide is related with the great geologic fault of *Messejana*, in Spain. In this location you can see the geologic fault line and the displacement that has resulted from the tectonical forces and seismic activity of the place. This seismic activities resulted in water springs, and that's why Castelo de Vide has lots of water.

**3 - Fonte Santa (fountain)**

This fountain is related to the building works of *Sra. da Penha* chapel. The fairy tale tells us that when pilgrims were taking the virgin down to the village, they stopped for a rest in this place and they started thinking on how important it would be to have water around to help them building the church. Right in that moment, the water started running from a rock, a few meters away.

But after, due to the building works the source was affected and the water stopped running.



**Calçada da Penha (old walking track)**

This little piece of track connects the village to the chapels of *Sra. da Penha* and *S. Miguel*. This was also the track that led to the rural lands in the west side of the mountain. Probably, there was a church here before, but nothing was left by 1771.

**4 - Igreja e fonte de N.ª. Sra da Penha (church and fountain)**

This church, built in 1570 is formed by 3 volumes, nave, main chapel, and sacristy. It has an altar made in masonry work, baroque style, with a niche for the Virgin. This Virgin is much appreciated by the population. The annual festivity takes place in the beginning of August.



Outside, in the courtyard, you have a panoramic view of the village. To the west you see the quartzite rock where the Castle of *Marvão* stands and the border territories limited by the rivers *Tejo* and *Sever*. Ahead to the north, if there's a clear day, you might see the *Serra da Estrela*, the highest mountain of Portugal.

The fountain was designed by António Ventura Porfírio and the inaugural ceremony took place in 1990. The water that supplies the fountain comes right from the interior of the mountain.

**5 - Calçada do Pomar de Melo e alminha de S.Paulo (old walking track and oratory)**

This is one of the oldest tracks in this region and links Castelo de Vide to Portalegre via the village of Carreiras. It's mainly a narrow dirt track because the rock pavement was only used in sloped areas.

**Alminha de S. Paulo (oratory)**

The hermitage of *S. Paulo* (in ruins) it's located at the top of the mountain and it has the same name as the mountain itself. The importance of this old road for the population justified the location of this small oratory.

**6 - Fonte Nova (fountain)**

This fountain was built in the middle of the XIX century. From the two drop outlets, which are braced in granite, runs high quality water, a kind that is much appreciated by the population. The public tank in the back of the fountain was used to give water to the animals.

**7 - Igreja do Senhor do Bonfim (church)**

This church was built in 1766. It has an altar with golden woodcarvings work. The church has three niches for the images of *Senhor do Bonfim*, *São Caetano* and *N. Sra. da Alegria*. The vaulted ceiling in the main chapel is painted with flowers and religious images.

**8 - Alminha de Santo André (oratory)**

This oratory is dedicated to the apostle *Santo André*. There was a church here before but nothing was already left back in 1771. This cult place named the track that leads to the village through the door of *S. João*.



**Complementary informations**

Fire station .....	245901444
Health center .....	245900160
National guard .....	245901314
Tourism office .....	245908227
Archeology service.....	245908220

**Fire station**  
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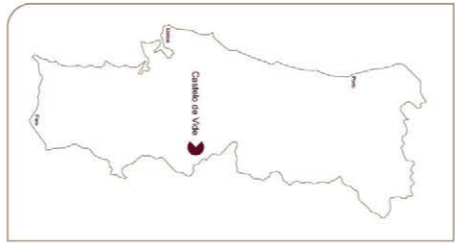
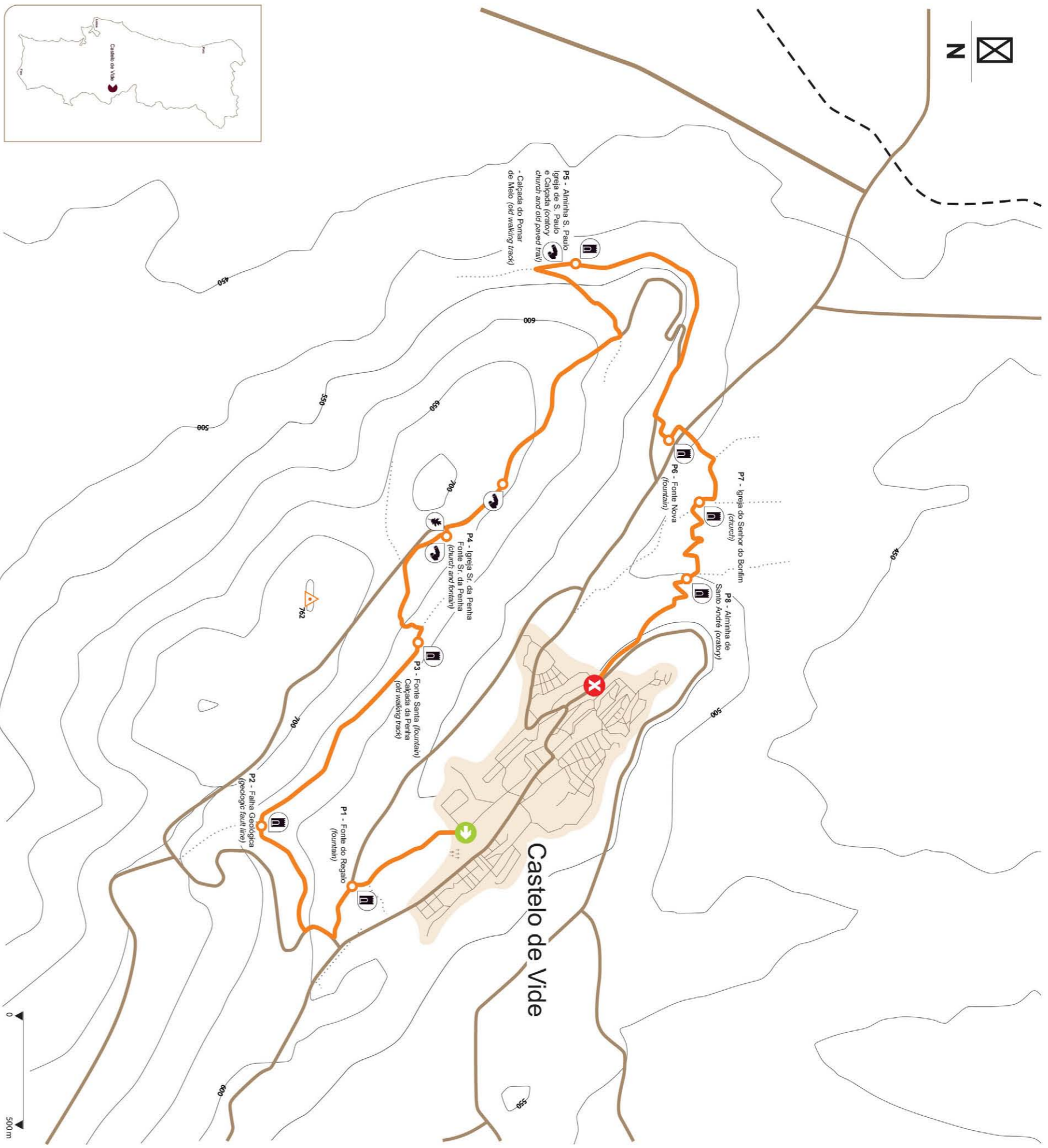
**Health center**  
 Localização: Quinta de Stº António EN - 246 -1  
 GPS: N39°24'50,81" O-07°27'21,62"

**Police**  
 Localização: Av. da Aramenha nº 25  
 Coordenadas GPS: N39°24'50,83" O-07°27'09,76"

**Tourism office**  
 Localização: Praça D. Pedro  
 email: turismo.cmcv@gmail.com  
 Coordenadas GPS: N39°24'55,92" O-07°27'20,08"

**Archeology service**  
 Localização: Rua 5 de Outubro, 21 -1º  
 email: arqueocmcv@gmail.com  
 Coordenadas GPS: N39°24'57,68" O-07°27'16,42"





distance	duration	type of trail	ascendant (accumulated)	descentent (accumulated)	elevation gap	elevation gap	implementation and maintenance
8,250km	3h.00min	circular	242m	249m	673m	203m	 degree of difficulty: <b>easy</b> length: 8km duration: 3h.00

**Recommendations:**

- Avoid walking alone, and if possible, carry a mobile phone.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Please leave the gates closed.
- Some of the interest points are in private property. Please establish a cordial relation with the property-owner.
- Leave to trace / take your trash home.
- Keep all pets on leash.
- Camping and fires are prohibited.
- No motorized vehicles (except residents).
- No weapons, hunting or fishing.
- No digging, collecting or removing any natural or cultural resources.
- Do not shout.

Trail	signposting:
Start	
End	
Road	
Contour lines (quadrados 50m)	
Railway	
Geodesic Landmark (red)	
Natural patrimony	
Building patrimony	
View point	
Right way	
Wrong way	
Turn right	
Turn left	

