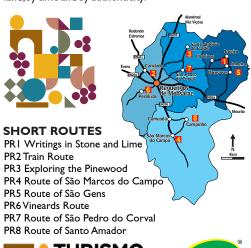
With 464 km² and about 10,000 inhabitants, the municipality of Reguengos de Monsaraz is located in Central Alentejo. Markedly rural in nature, it is a territory dominated by vineyards, olive groves and cork oak and holm oak woodlands. Close to the great Alqueva Lake, it combines agricultural traditions with wide and serene landscapes, in an identity shaped by the land, by time and by authenticity.





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SANTOANTÓNIO DO BALDIO

Located in the parish of Corval, the village is surrounded by a vast pinewood that shapes the landscape. With its small agricultural dwellings, it preserves the rural traditions of the region. The greenery of the trees dominates the scenery, creating a calm and peaceful atmosphere where the bond between people and nature is clear. The serenity of the countryside prevails, reflecting the slow rhythm of local life.



CHAPEL OF SANTO ILDEFONSO

Built in the 16th century, the hermitage preserves the memory of devotion from times past. With its simple porch and small altar, it no longer hosts the same celebrations, as the new church has taken on the central role in religious life. Today, it remains a peaceful place where history and the serenity of the countryside meet, offering a quiet refuge from the bustle of everyday life.



PINEWOOD

Covering an area of 140 hectares, this pinewood has long been, and still remains, an important source of income for the region. Its afforestation may be linked to the projects of the Junta de Colonização Interna, which, from the 1940s onwards, established National Pine Forests in several parts of the Alentejo. Today, the pinewood continues to play a vital role both in local biodiversity and in the area's forestry economy.



CHURCH OF SANTOANTÓNIO

Built in the 1970s, the church is both a religious and community symbol of the village. Its construction was the result of the dedication of Dâmaso Ramalho, a key figure in the modernisation of the settlement. With a simple and functional style, the church replaced the old hermitage, providing a space for religious celebrations and for the community's social life.







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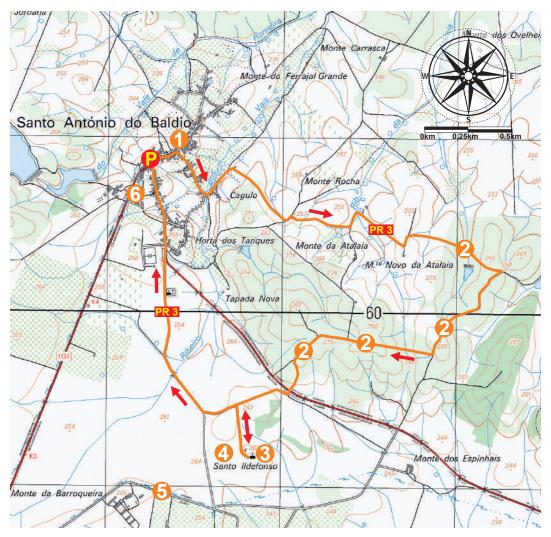


2 to 3 hours

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The vast pinewood blends harmoniously with a landscape of pastures, vineyards and olive groves. At the top of a hill, the village of Santo António do Baldio seems to watch over the whole region, preserving memories of an intense agricultural past. Its narrow streets and simple houses still retain a rural charm. The landscapes are wide and open, and walking through the pinewood offers a unique sense of freshness and tranquillity. Leave Santo António square along Rua da Alegria and turn right onto Travessa dos Vais. Go down the street, cross the stream and turn left, keeping to the path. Continue past small agricultural properties, following the main dirt road. At the junction, turn left and then immediately right. Further ahead, repeat this sequence of turning left and then right twice, until entering the pinewood. Walk for about 380 metres to reach a junction of paths. Turn right on a sharp bend and follow the trail uphill among the pine trees. After beginning to descend, turn right again. Continue along a long straight section with ups and downs for a further 650 metres and turn left. After beginning to descend, turn right again. Continue along a long straight section with ups and downs for a further 650 metres and turn left. After 220 metres, take the path to the left, passing through a usually open gate, until reaching the road. Cross the road carefully, turn right and follow the parallel forest track. You will find the detour to visit the Hermitage of Santo Ildefonso, a 600 metres round trip, before returning to the main path. At the junction, turn right, pass by the cemetery and take Rua de Santo Ildefonso back to the centre of the village.

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START AND FINISH

Main square of Santo António do Baldio GPS N38°29'09,30" W07°28'19,40"

CARTOGRAPHY

Geospatial Information Centre of the Army Military Map of Portugal 473. Esc 1:25000 (adapted)

POINTS OF INTEREST

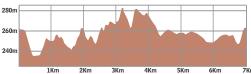
- 1 Santo António do Baldio
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 - - 6 Church of Santo António

4 Santo Ildefonso

5 Authority for National Land Settlement

INFORMATION

ELEVATION PROFILE



Check the relationship between distance and altitude scales.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Path type: Loop Distance: 7.0km Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Accumulated elevation: 183m

Difficulty: Medium-

Surface: Country paths and roads

Season: All year



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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