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.







DON'T MISS



SÃO MARCOS DO CAMPO

Founded in the 16th century, it is an Alentejo village that preserves its rural identity. The Parish Church, built in the same period, stands as a symbol of local history. With low houses and narrow streets, the village retains the traditions of countryside life. Agricultural fields and livestock farming are the main economic activities in the region, which is characterised by the tranquillity and beauty of the surrounding landscapes.



AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

The landscape around São Marcos do Campo is characterised by vast agricultural fields and pasturelands used for livestock. The land, mainly cultivated with cereals and other crops, lacks strict divisions, creating an open and continuous view. This scenery reflects the agricultural and pastoral traditions of the region, with fields stretching as far as the eye can see.



MAIN CHURCH

Dating back to 1566, it features a sober façade, with a round-arched portal and a bell tower of simple lines, reflecting the austerity of Alentejo's religious architecture. The building stands out for its solidity and is surrounded by a square offering panoramic views of the village's agricultural and rural landscape. Inside, the church retains its simplicity, with a modest main altar and painted wooden altarpieces, reflecting the region's religious traditions.



CATTLE FARMING

Extensive cattle farming is one of the main economic activities in São Marcos do Campo, carried out in vast agricultural fields where the animals graze on natural vegetation. Free-range grazing characterises the region, with herds adapted to the Alentejo climate. Occasionally, flocks of sheep can also be found, reinforcing local traditions and the harmony with the environment.







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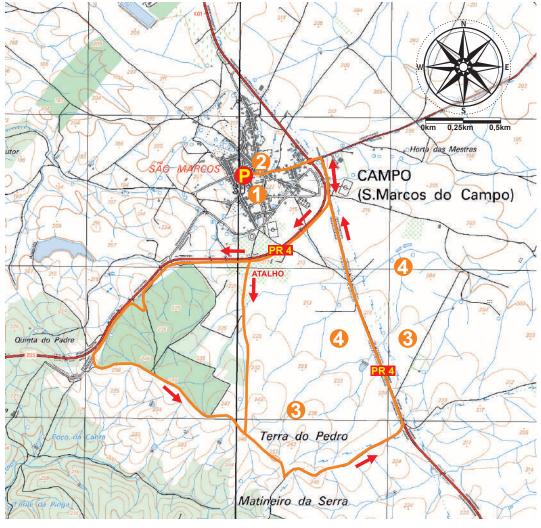


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TRAIL DESCRIPTION

São Marcos do Campo is a well-kept secret near the Alqueva reservoir, preserving the authenticity of a typical Alentejo village. With its low houses and a central square dominated by the Parish Church, the village radiates rural tranquillity. The vast landscapes are marked by agricultural fields and extensive pastures for livestock, with colours changing throughout the year from the intense greens and spring flowers to the golden stubble of summer. This trail features a main route of 7.8 km and a shorter alternative of 6.3 km, following a midway shortcut without losing the beauty of the surroundings. Leave Cruzeiro Square via Rua da Junta and Rua do Campinho. Carefully cross the road roundabout and continue straight, then immediately turn right onto the old road. At the first junction, turn right and follow the path parallel to the EN255. After 700 metres, you can choose to continue along the main route or turn left onto the shorter route. On the main route. make a small detour via a road access to the EN255 and continue parallel to it. When the path starts to veer away, take a left turn and follow alongside the forested area. Here you will encounter the alternative path, and both routes merge into a single trail until you reach the old road again. Turn left and follow the long straight section until you reach the roundabout, returning to the village centre along the initial path.

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START AND FINISH

Cruzeiro Square, São Marcos do Campo GPS N38°20'24,40" W07°30'41,70"

CARTOGRAPHY

Geospatial Information Centre of the Army Military Map of Portugal 482. Esc 1:25000 (adapted)

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 São Marcos do Campo
- 2 Main Church of São Marcos
- 3 Agricultural Fields
- 4 Cattle Farming

INFORMATION

ELEVATION PROFILE



Check the relationship between distance and altitude scales.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Path type: Loop Distance: 7.8km / 6.3Km Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Accumulated elevation: 93m/65m

Difficulty: Low

Surface: Country paths and roads

Season: All year



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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.

SIGNAGE



EMERGENCY Help and fire alarm

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