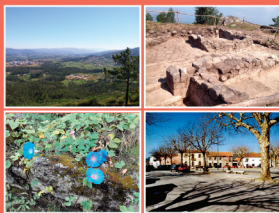


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responsibilities

"The recommended walking trails do not exempt their users or those who promote them from taking the responsibility for any possible damage to property or personal injury which may occur when using the trails."

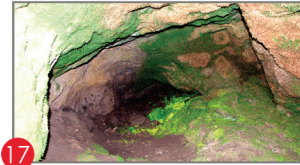
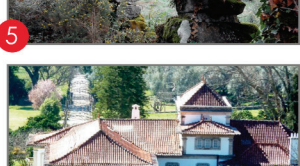
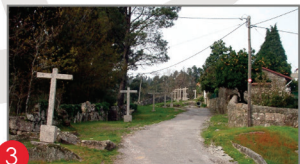
trail rules

>Stay on the trail at all times – Pay attention and obey trail signs and markings.  
>Avoid making loud noises.  
>Respect Private Property.  
>Do not litter. Take all litter with you and place in rubbish bins.  
>Be careful with livestock. Do not disturb animals.  
>Preserve nature. Do not pick flowers, collect rocks or catch animals.  
>Avoid walking alone in the mountains.  
>Be careful when foggy.  
>Always use appropriate gear and clothing – hiking boots, a raincoat and a hat.  
>Do not make fire at any time.  
>Help preserve the trail.

map of viana do castelo



trail mark



Start Point/End Point

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- 1 Neves Square
- 2 House of Torre das Neves
- 3 Calvário of Arques
- 4 Senhora do Carmo Estate
- 5 Aqueduct
- 6 Bonfim Estate
- 7 House of Espina Velasco Façade
- 8 Mount Estate
- 9 Bouça D' Arques Estate
- 10 Portela Estate
- 11 Geodesic Marking
- 12 Walls of Castro de Roques
- 13 Castrejo Bath
- 14 Circular House (Castro de Roques)
- 15 Acropolis of Castro de Roques
- 16 Footprint of Santinho
- 17 Boca da Serpe
- 18 Picnic area of Casqueira
- 19 Table of the 3 Abbots

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Name of Trail

PR 19/ Castro de Roques Trail

Sponsoring Organization

Viana do Castelo City Council  
Parish Council of Mujaes, Vila Franca, Vila de Punhe and Promoting Entity Union of Subportela, Deocriste and Portela Susã, AFL – Forrestral Association of Lima.

Trail System

Average Trail

Location

Mujaes, Vila Franca, Vila de Punhe and Subportela

Distance

13.4 km

Initial Leval

81m

Maxium Leval Reached

262m

Minimum Leval Reached

43m

Time

4h00m

Difficulty

Moderate

Trail Type/Character

Landscapes/ Ecological/ Cultural

Start Point/End Point

Largo das Neves - Vila de Punhe

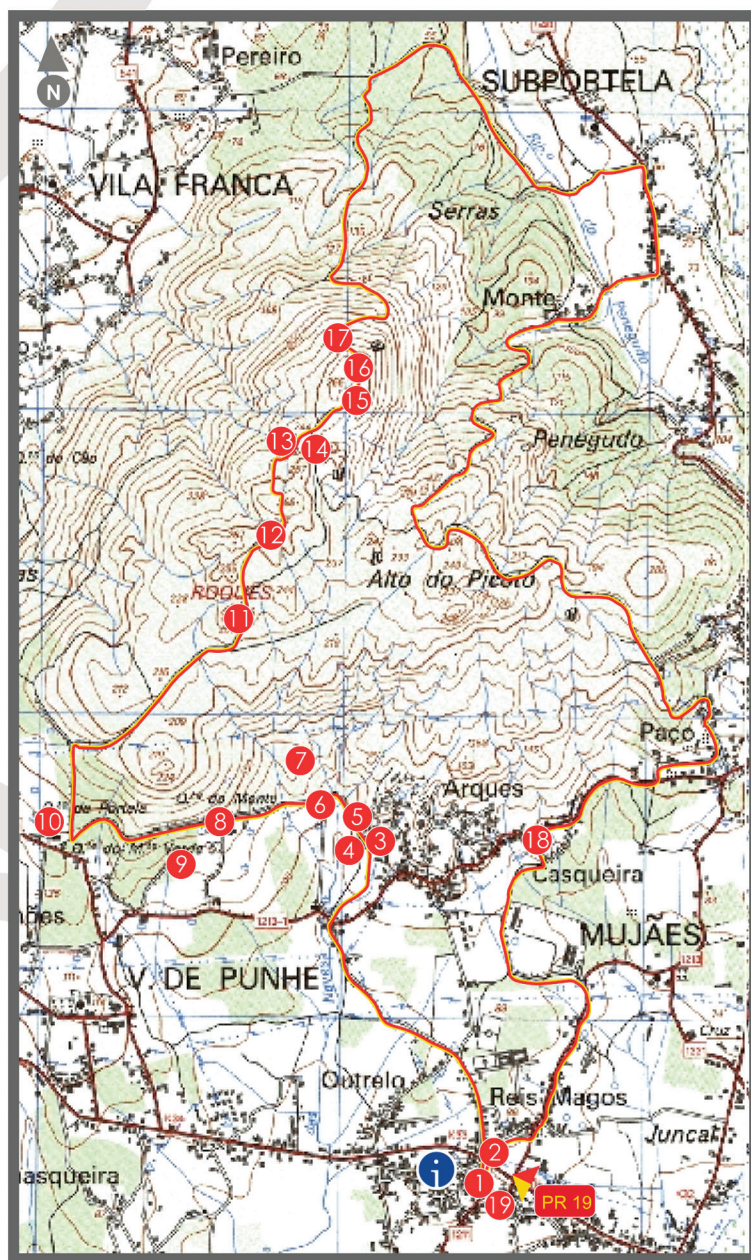
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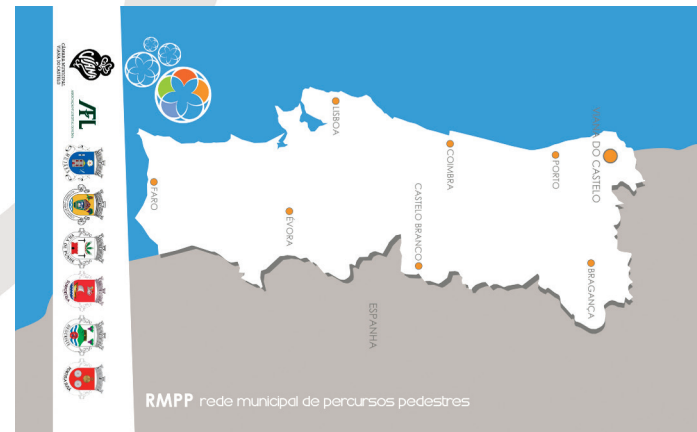
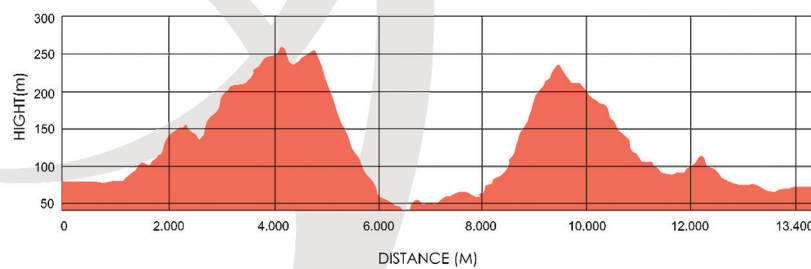
useful contacts

Viana do Castelo City Council > 258 809 300  
Viana Welcome Centre > 258098415  
Hospital > 258 802 100  
Fire Department > 963 442 205 / 258 840 400  
Volunteer Fire Department > 258 800 840  
GNR (Portuguese National Guard) > 258 840 470  
PSP (City Police Department) > 258 809 880  
SOS - Emergency Services > 112  
Emergency number for Forest Fires > 117

trail map in km



profile graph / hight/ distance





### trail description PR 19

The "Castro de Roques" Trail begins and ends at « Largo das Neves », in the parish of Vila de Punhe, Viana do Castelo. After crossing the EN 306 passing by "Casa da Torre das Neves", following to the "Quinta Senhora do Carmo", taking the "Estrada Real" (Royal Road here), where we can enjoy the set of stone made crosses that constitutes the Calvário of Arques and an aqueduct that drove water from the mount to the lower land.

Following the Royal Road through the "Quinta do Bonfim", where a few meters ahead lays a diversion allowing us to observe the façade of the "Casa de Espina Velasco" (16th century). We return to the trail, passing by the "Quinta do Monte" and "Quinta da Bouça D'arques" arriving to the "Quinta da Portela". Coming up the sidewalk parallel to the wall, we enter the forest area, where the route develops mainly by dirt paths, passing in the vicinity of the geodesic vertex "Roques" and reaching the area where the former "Castro" (iron age period). In this area we will come across 3 walls spaced between each other and start the descent towards the "Castrejo" (fortified village) baths. Throughout the surrounding is present a significant amount of loose stone, much of which belongs to the existing constructions in the "Castro".

Then it will be possible to admire the lovely view, in particular "Deocriste", Portela Susã and Barroselas. Already the Belvedere, near the road, and from the top of the "Pegada" (footprint), a superb view to the sea and the estuary of the river Lima can be enjoyed, passing by Mount Galleon, Santa Luzia Mount, São Silvestre and Santo Ovídio Mount, in Ponte de Lima. Leaving the views behind, we begin the descent, to the mythical "Boca da Serpe".

Down the hill we will enter in the agricultural area, where walls are present in shale and an ancient puddle of consorts. The destination is now the "Lugar do Paço" (site of the Palace), where some paths will be traversed some paths belonging to the parish of Mujães, passing by the "Calvário de Mujães" and continuing in the countryside. Entering the final stretch of the pedestrian with the "Largo das Neves" already quite close around the House and Quinta da Torre das Neves, where practically we can spot the point where the trail started. Already in predominantly urban environment, nice wide, where there is a set consisting of the "Cruzeiro do Senhor da Saude", Capela da Senhora das Neves", "Mesa do Três Abades", where gathered the pastors of the three parishes (Vila de Punhe, Mujães and Barroselas), House and estate of the Arrães. This site can be accessed to rest and gather our forces spent after the rather demanding, but rewarding walk through the Mount of Roques.

