

MAP OF VIANA DO CASTELO

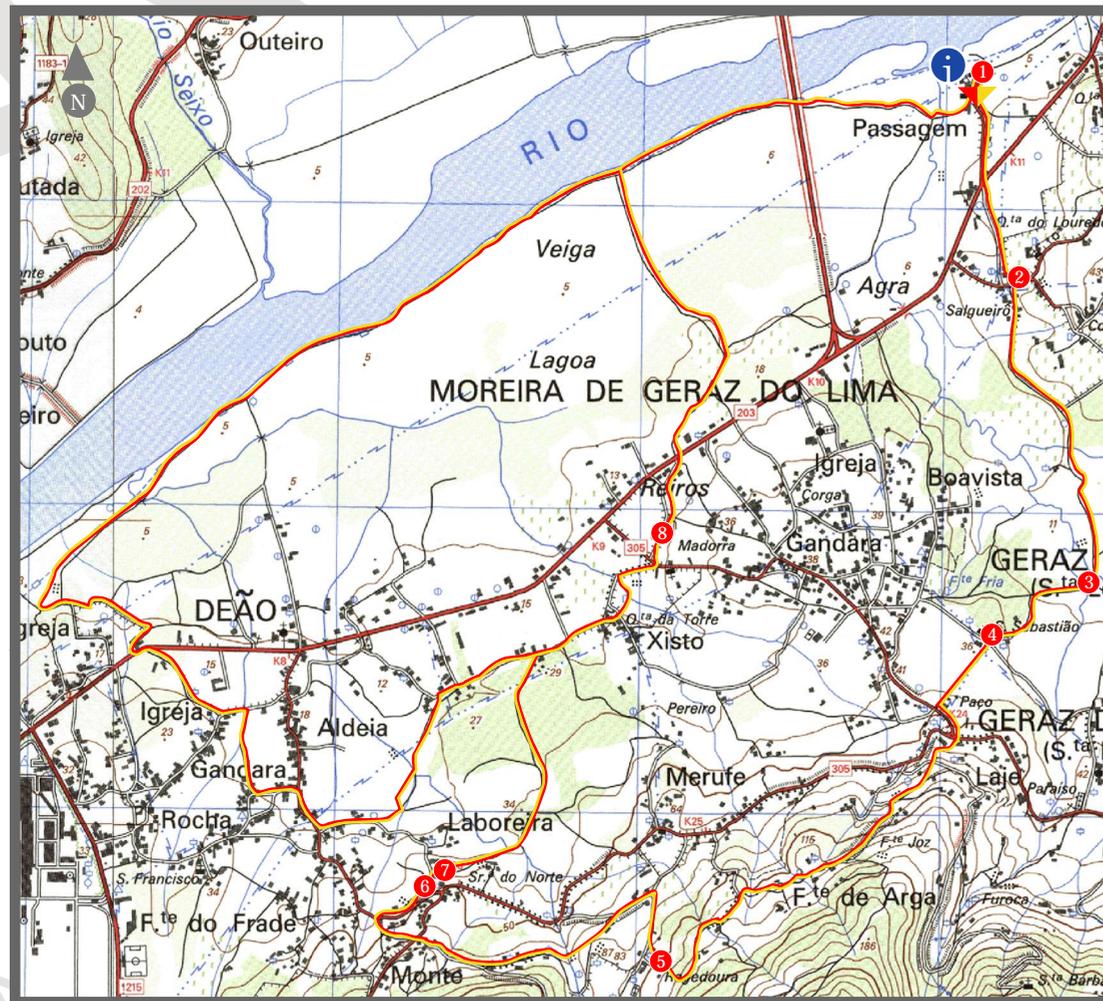


useful contacts

Viana do Castelo City Council > 258 809 300
 Viana Welcome Centre > 258 098 415
 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



SCALE | 1:25 000

- 1 Start Point/End Point
- 2 Lugar da Passagem
- 3 Nossa Senhora da Conceição Chapel
- 4 Naia Bridge
- 5 Regedoura Watermill
- 6 Senhora do Norte Chapel
- 7 Bicho Mill
- 8 S. Sebastião Chapel and Stone Cross
- 9 Prelada Cross

information PR20

Name of Trail
lands of Geraz Trail

Sponsoring Organization
Terras de Geraz do Lima Parish Council

Trail System
Average Trail

Location
Geraz do Lima

Distance
13,1 km

Initial Level
5m

Maximum Level Reached
120m

Minimum Level Reached
5m

Time
2h40m | 2 hours e 40 minutes

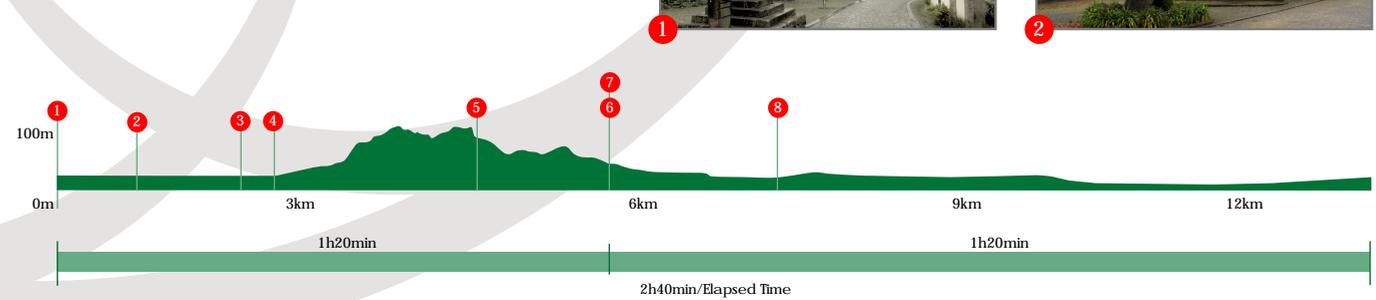
Difficulty
Easy

Trail Type/Character
Landscape/Ecological/Cultural

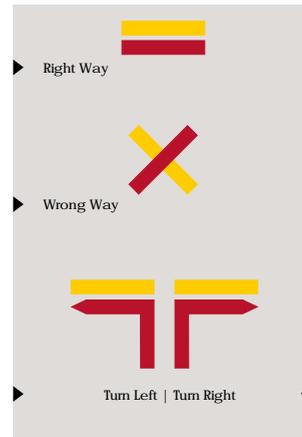
Start Point
Lugar da Passagem, Moreira de Geraz do Lima

Latitude: 41° 43' 28.18" N
 Longitude: 08° 40' 31.44" W

profile graph height/distance



trail mark



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.

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."

Logo of Câmara Municipal Viana do Castelo and a QR code.

PR 20 lands of geraz trails

www.cm-viana-castelo.pt

Map of Portugal showing the location of Viana do Castelo.

RMPP - rede municipal de percursos pedestres

Logos of various Portuguese government departments and the European Union.



This is a circular trail that starts at the mythical “Lugar da Passagem” (crossing point) which for centuries assured passage from one side of the river to the other for people and merchandise. The surrounding cultural heritage narrates the fascinating history of the ancient stoned pavement, part of the ancient Royal road, also commonly known as “Senhora do Norte”. It was used by thousands of pilgrims on their way to Serra d’Arga or to Santiago de Compostela. Continue towards “Sta. Maria de Geraz do Lima” where you will find the chapel of “Nossa Senhora da Conceição”, next to the “Louredo” Manor, an imposing building belonging to one of the renowned wine producing estates in the region (vinho verde – green wine – referring to the youth of the wine, not its colour). The trail continues past “Quinta da Videira”, and over the Naia bridge, part of the ancient Royal road used by thousands of pilgrims. Continue on the marked trail and you will come to the “S. Sebastião” chapel and crucifix, an important reference point for pilgrims. From this location there is a magnificent panoramic view over the Lima valley. The trail takes you past “Quinta da Torre do Paço” and the vineyards belonging to the “Merufe” Manor and those from “Quinta da Regedoura”. At this point you will be able to admire the “Regedoura” watermill - a symbol of the vital role that farming plays in the lands of Geraz. Continue past “Quinta do Sobrinho do Arcipreste” (another wine (vinho verde) producing estate of reference) towards Deão. On your way, you will pass the ancient “Senhora do Norte” chapel which served as a landmark for thousands of pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. Hikers will come to the “Bicho” Mill, one of various existing mills in the area which was used to grind corn into flour to make bread – traditional combread. A little further ahead there is a signal at km 6.6 indicating an alternative shorter route which travels past the “Senhor do Bonfim” stone crucifix, also known as the “Quinta das Preladas” stone crucifix. If you take the longer original trail, walkers will have the opportunity to admire stunning sceneries. You should take a detour of roughly 750 m to visit the Prelada stone crucifix and then return to the original trail, which will take you to the “Lima” river. Continue on this trail (ecovia) until you come to the end.

