



CÂMARA MUNICIPAL
VIANA DO CASTELO

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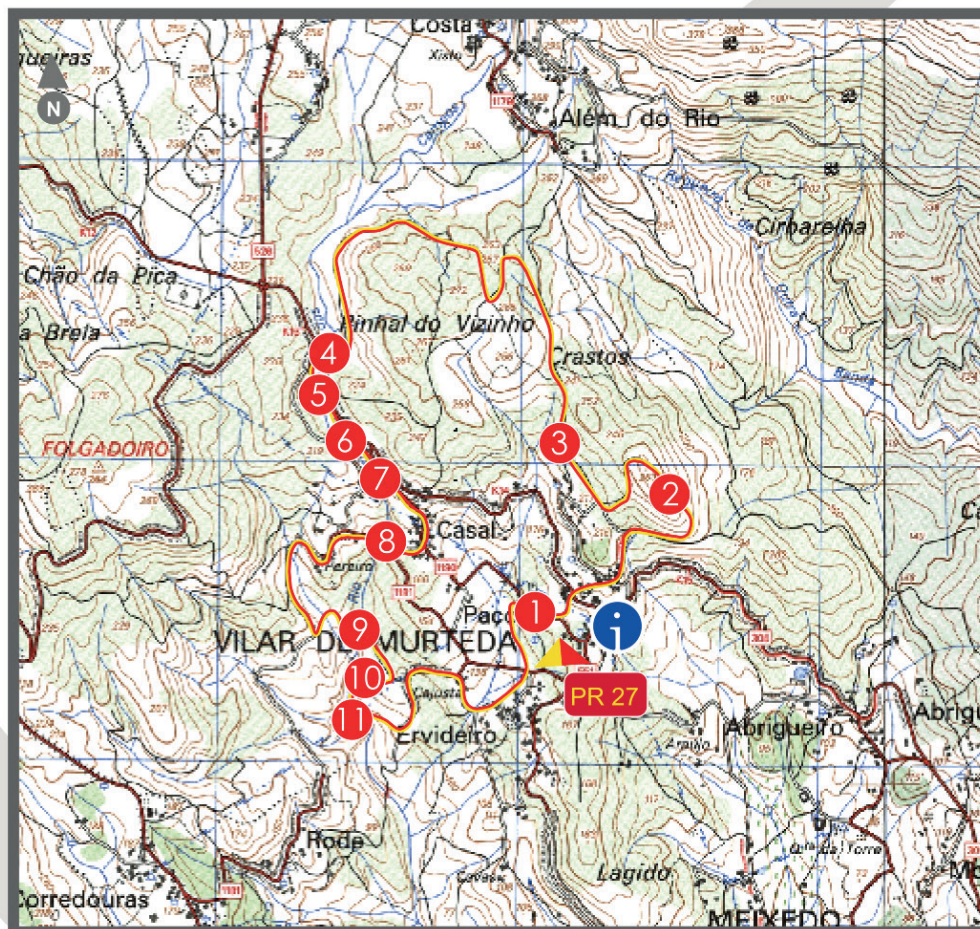
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Viana Welcome Centre > 258 098 415
Hospital > 258 802 100
Fire Department > 963 442 205 / 258 840 400
Volunteer Fire Department > 258 800 840
GNR (Portuguese National Guard) > 258 840 470
PSP (City Police Department) > 258 809 880
SOS - Emergency Services > 112
Emergency number for Forest Fires > 117



map of viana do castelo



trail map in km



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information PR 27

Name of Trail
PR 27/ Rota da Murta Trail

Sponsoring Organization
Viana do Castelo City Council
Nogueira, Meixedo, Vilar de Murteda
Parish Council

Trail System
Average Trail

Location
Vilar de Murteda

Distance
7.4 km

Initial Level
156m

Maximum Level Reached
265m

Minimum Level Reached
95m

Time
2h30m

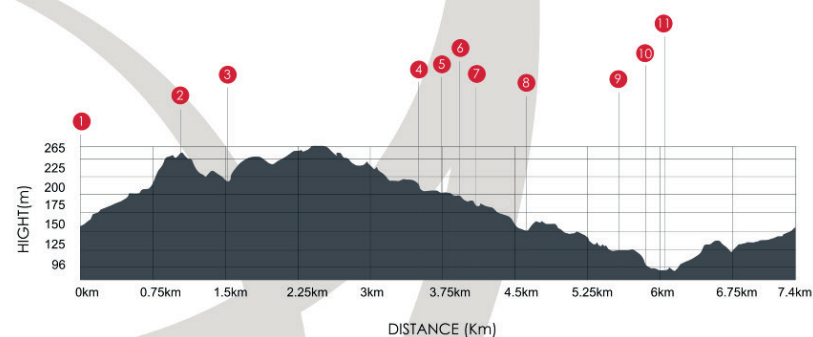
Difficulty
Easy

Trail Type/Character
Landscape/ Ecology/ Cultural

Start Point/End Point
Vilar de Murteda Parish Church

Latitude: 41° 46' 12.62" N
Longitude: 08° 43' 27.74" W

profile graph / hight/distance



Start Point/End Point

PR 27

- 1 Vilar de Murteda Parish Church
- 2 Monte do Castro
- 3 Caminho de Santiago "Shrines"
- 4 Asnos Bridge
- 5 Stone Water Pipe
- 6 Water Mills
- 7 Portela Water Mill
- 8 Pereiro Waterfall and Wood Sawing Device
- 9 Cajusta Mill
- 10 Poço Negro "Black Pit"
- 11 Rego dos Frades "Ancient Stone Water Pipe"

trail mark



responsibilities

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trail rules

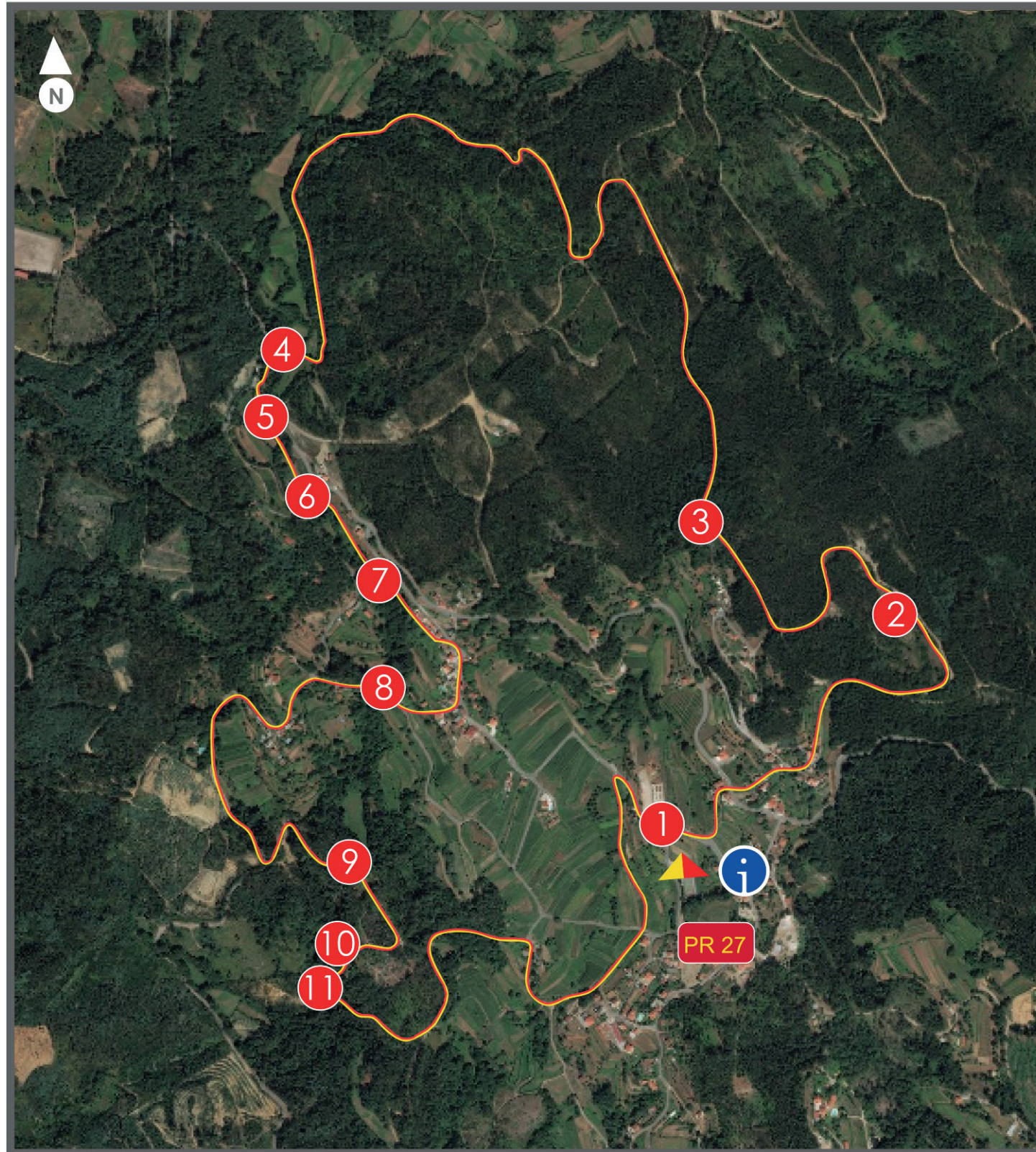
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Starting from the Parish Church of "Vilar de Murteda", turn left, crossing the N305 and climb right after that towards the "Monte do Castro" hill, from where one can enjoy a magnificent view over the town and surrounding hills. Here existed formerly a mining town from the Iron Age. Continue down the other side then turn right, always following the "Caminho de Santiago" Pathway and the PR 22- "Trilho dos Romeiros" (Trail of Pilgrims), with their small shrines, almost until getting to the "Montaria" Parish Council, where you got to turn left. A few meters forward, turn right and keep on going, always practicing forest paths, until the "Asnos" Bridge. After crossing over the bridge, continue until reaching the N305, traveling for a few meters and then turn right. You will reach a stone water pipe in cement that will take you through several water mills, until the "Casal" pathway, where you will turn right and continue to the "Pereiro" waterfall; a paradisiacal place where you can get some rest if you so decide. Along the waterfall can be seen an ancient wood sawing device. The Oaks, chestnut trees and other native trees and fruit ones are from here to become an integral part of the course. From there go ahead a few more meters down the "Veiga" path, then turn left using the "Rodo" path. Scroll through this for some time, cutting then left toward the "Cajusta" mill path, partly following the "Seixo" river, whose "Poço Negro" (Black Pit), another idyllic place, is located just 50 meters from the trail. Along the river and on the other side once existed a ancient stone water pipe going by the name "Rego dos Frades", leading water to the remote monastery of "São Salvador da Torre". Rising up a bit, continue through forest patches to the "Ervideiro" location. Keep forward through cultivated fields until the Parish Church, thus ending the course.

