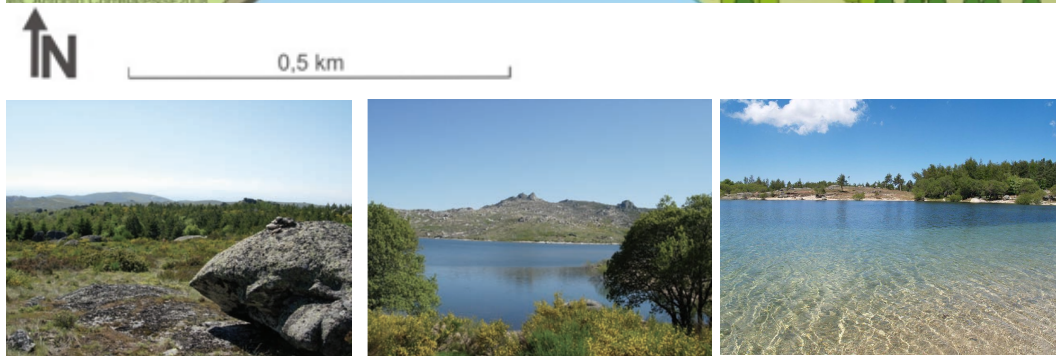


WALKING TRAIL

CORGO DAS MÓS AND LAGOON OF VALE DO ROSSIM

Duration: 2 Hours
Difficulty Level: Easy
Type of Route: Circular



Corgo das Mós Walking Trail with diversion towards the Lagoon of Vale do Rossim.

The trail is set with orange marks on poles and boulders, with “mariolas” (overlapping stones used by shepherds to mark trails) and with sticks with orange ribbons.



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The trail starts at Casa das Penhas Douradas.

From the hotel's car park, follow the tarmac road on your left, towards the lagoon of Vale do Rossim. About 900 meters further on, you will find a racket-shaped roundabout. On your left, the tarmac road continues downhill to lagoon of Vale do Rossim. It's for cars...not for you...

In front of the roundabout, a dirt road begins with a small climb that evolves to the right. Take this dirt road.

Follow the dirt road for about 500 meters until you find a bifurcation. Take the right. Here you will find the first orange trail mark. And follow the road. You are now at Corgo da Mós. Look around you, look at the granite blocks, and try to guess why the shepherds named this beautiful place. On the horizon, on your right, you can see the ridge of Santinha and discover, on that ridge, an isolated house, the Casa das Sementes (House of Seeds), where the seeds of rye were kept and preserved for the fields crops that are located on the slope. Right on that ridge (you can explore this trail with breathtaking views, named Santinha and Santiago's Chappel, collecting all the information at the reception). Upon the horizon, on your left, you will be able to see the Upper Plateau of Serra da Estrela, the Fragões das Penhas Douradas (two granite big boulders right next to each other) that give the name to our resort (you can explore this mountain trail with dazzling views, called Fragões das Penhas Douradas, collecting all the information at the reception) ... At sunset, Fragões das Penhas Douradas get a golden hue that gives them their name.... Continue along the road until you find the binoculars symbol indicating the Corgo das Mós viewpoint. Leave the road, on your right, and follow the "mariolas" for a few dozen meters until you reach the granite boulders that form the Viewpoint. There you will find, somewhat hidden, a landscape reader that will reveal all the landscape ahead. In the foreground is the Mondego River Valley, which springs a degree below, almost under your feet. Let yourself stay for a few moments... Then return to the road, which should continue to descend.

100 meters ahead, you will leave the dirt road and turn left, entering a path between rocks and vegetation. Follow the orange marks and be dazzled as the Lagoon of Vale do Rossim starts to gain prominence within the landscape.

Following the signs, you will find, much further on, an intersection marked with a sign indicating the direction of Lagoon of Vale do Rossim, on the right, or the option to continue towards Penhas Douradas, on the left. Make your decision knowing that, later on, you will have another opportunity to descend towards the lagoon.

Heading towards Penhas Douradas, the trail now takes you to a small dirt road higher up. Just follow this road for a few dozen meters. Soon, you should turn to your right and enter the trail that, in a few steps, will be on your left. This trail will cover a set of big granite blocks that form a platform with a stunning landscape over the Lagoon and Fragões das Penhas Douradas. You will have to pass between these blocks to discover the Lagoon. A place to be, for a picnic...

Go back a few meters and return to the trail that follows with a descent, between granite blocks, at first steeper, but easier. A hundred meters below you will pass a water line. A small leap! Keep following the trail until you reach the yellow trail with a sign indicating the return to Penhas Douradas, on the left, or the descent to the Lagoon of Vale do Rossim, on the right. You can now decide your direction, taking into account that the marks from this point will be yellow.

Good walk!