

# The Fantastic Serra d'Ossa

**Starting/Arrival Point:** Rio de Moinhos, Borba

(Church of São Tiago, N38°46.265', W7°30.188')


**Distance/duration:** 17,3 km - about 6/7h

**Degree of difficulty:** high

**Borba is a gateway to the region of marble, the "white gold" of the Alentejo, but it is also here, very close to Rio de Moinhos, that the fantastic Serra d'Ossa rises in the middle of the plain where the Ribeira de Luceférit springs and where you have a view as far as the eye can see.**

From the Church of São Tiago of Rio de Moinhos (1), go down and take the road of São Gregório, following the indications "Serra d'Ossa". Make a small detour to visit the Chapel and Village of **São Gregório** (2). Keep following the road until you cross the Ribeira de Luceférit (4), after which it turns left. After about 500 meters, make a detour from the main path to one less visible to the left and continue to climb. Walk by a small dam docked in the valley and follow the footpath that runs beside the ruins of the Monte das Hortas. At the end of the footpath there is a fountain and the route to take is located just before, on the right, by a steep water line. At the top, continue to your right until you find a crossroad of several paths to follow in the North direction. Inside the eucalyptus forest (6), keep following the hillside for about two miles and at the end turn left so as to access, through a wide firebreak, the geodesic landmark Carneira. Keep following the firebreak at the top of the mountain for about 3.5 kilometres. Take care going down the first firebreak on the left, which leads to Monte da Defesa de Baixo. Turn left at the dirt road, passing the Monte da Defesa de Cima until you reach the bridge of Ribeira de Luceférit.

 Marked trail

 .gpx file available at the reception

## Elevation Chart

