PR2 – Pedra Alçada

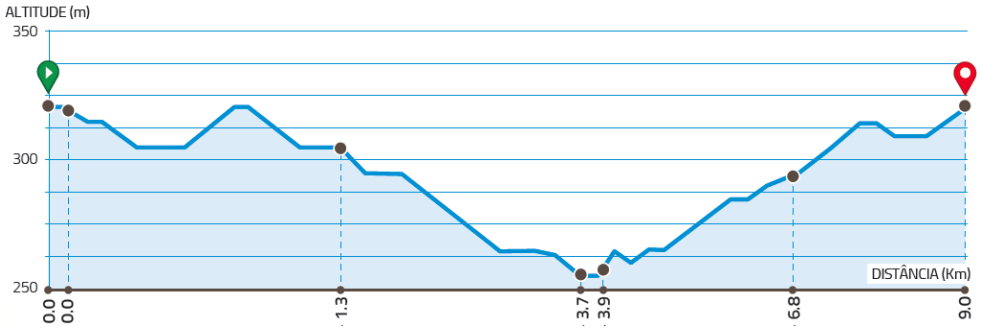
Starting/Arrival Point: Aldeia das Pias
(GPS: 38° 32.702' N 7° 28.866' W)
Distance/duration: 9 km – about 3 hrs
Degree of difficulty: medium

This trail brings to one of the most important geomonument of the area, the "Pedra Alçada", situated in a landscape dominated by holm and cork oak trees and punctuated by granite rocks and water streams. It's very likely to encounter cattle along your way.

The trail starts in the village of Pias, next to the building of the "Junta da Freguesia" (1). Follow the directions to Aldeia de Casas Novas de Mares, and then turn right after the Primary School (2) .
The route takes you on a trip back to prehistoric times and to one of the municipality's biggest geomonuments. Along the way, you can see a group of traditional **ovens** used to make charcoal (3), which is obtained from holm or cork oak wood. Walk through the Mediterranean woodland until you reach the **Palha Stream**, with its crystal clear water and verdant banks. You will also see small granite outcrops scattered around. Immediately thereafter, you will start to see large boulders announcing the **Pedra Alçada**. Made of granite, its name refers to the fact that it consists of two rocks, one on top of the other. At 10 meters tall and 6 meters wide, it is very impressive. Despite the striking resemblances to a menhir, it's not known if it's a natural structure or man-made.

Marked trail

.gpx file available at the reception



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