

PR3 – A Walk in the Countryside

Starting/Arrival Point: Terena (GPS: 38° 37.110' N 7° 24.440' W)



Distance/duration: 11 km – about 4 hrs

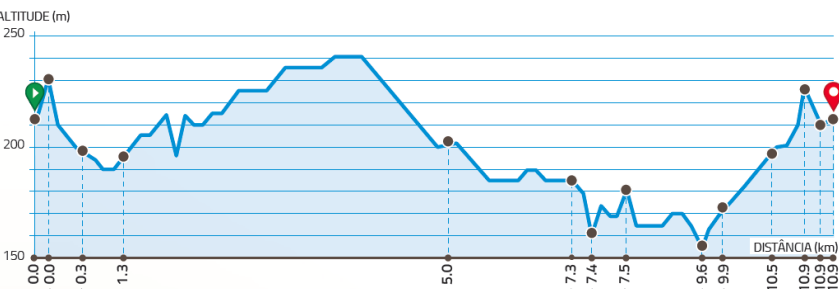
Degree of difficulty: easy



The route runs across irrigated fields of cereals and along water streams. It starts in the village of Terena, close to the St. Sebastian Church, about 70 meters next to the cemetery.

The area around the town of Terena is the perfect spot for a walk in the country. As you walk along walled trails and ramble through Mediterranean cork or holm oak woodland, irrigated farmland and areas of dryland farming, you will also still encounter the art of shepherding in this land where agricultural tradition still holds strong. Your walk will bring into contact with a variety of animals and plants. White storks, buzzards, foxes and mongooses are frequently seen. Without ever losing sight of Terena, you are able to appreciate the entire surrounding area, glimpsing the waters of the **Lucefécit Dam** (2), with its variety of riverine vegetation and Mediterranean cork or holm oak woodlands. From the dam, the **Castle of Terena** can be seen on the top of the hill where the old town was built up over the centuries. And at the end, the reward is the splendid **Sanctuary of N. Sr.ª da Boa Nova** (3). A national monument, this temple-cum-fortress dates from the 14th century and has a floor plan in the shape of a Greek cross.

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