

The River Lucefécit

Starting/Arrival Point: Road N373 (between Alandroal and Redondo
- GPS: 38.671769, -7.465721)

Distance/duration: 11 km – about 4 hrs

Degree of difficulty: medium

The trail is not signalized but we can provide the .gpx file for your navigation device.

This trail around the river Lucefécit will bring you through the sites linked to the ancestral pagan cult of the Lusitan god Endovelicus. Endovelicus was a god of public health and safety of Celtic origin, worshipped by the Lusitans, and, after the Roman invasion, by most of the Roman Empire.

In the 1990s, Manuel Calado, while drawing the Archaeological Chart of Alandroal, discovered the **Sanctuary Rock of Rocha da Mina**, and hypothesized this was the Lusitanian primitive temple dedicated to the Endovelicus. The temple is set in a rocky schist formation with abrupt slopes of 12 meters that protects the site. The four steps carved into the rock at the top would have been the primitive altar used by the Lusitans to worship their god.

A kilometer away, there is a sacred fountain that is said to be more ancient than the sanctuary; its waters are still considered medicinal and miraculous.

The **Albergaria** and **Igreja da Nossa Senhora da Fonte Santa** were built on the site in the 18th century.

Finally the prehistoric sanctuary of **Poio Grande** preserve inside a group of small cavities dug into the rock, probably also linked to the cult of the Lusitan God.

Elevation Chart

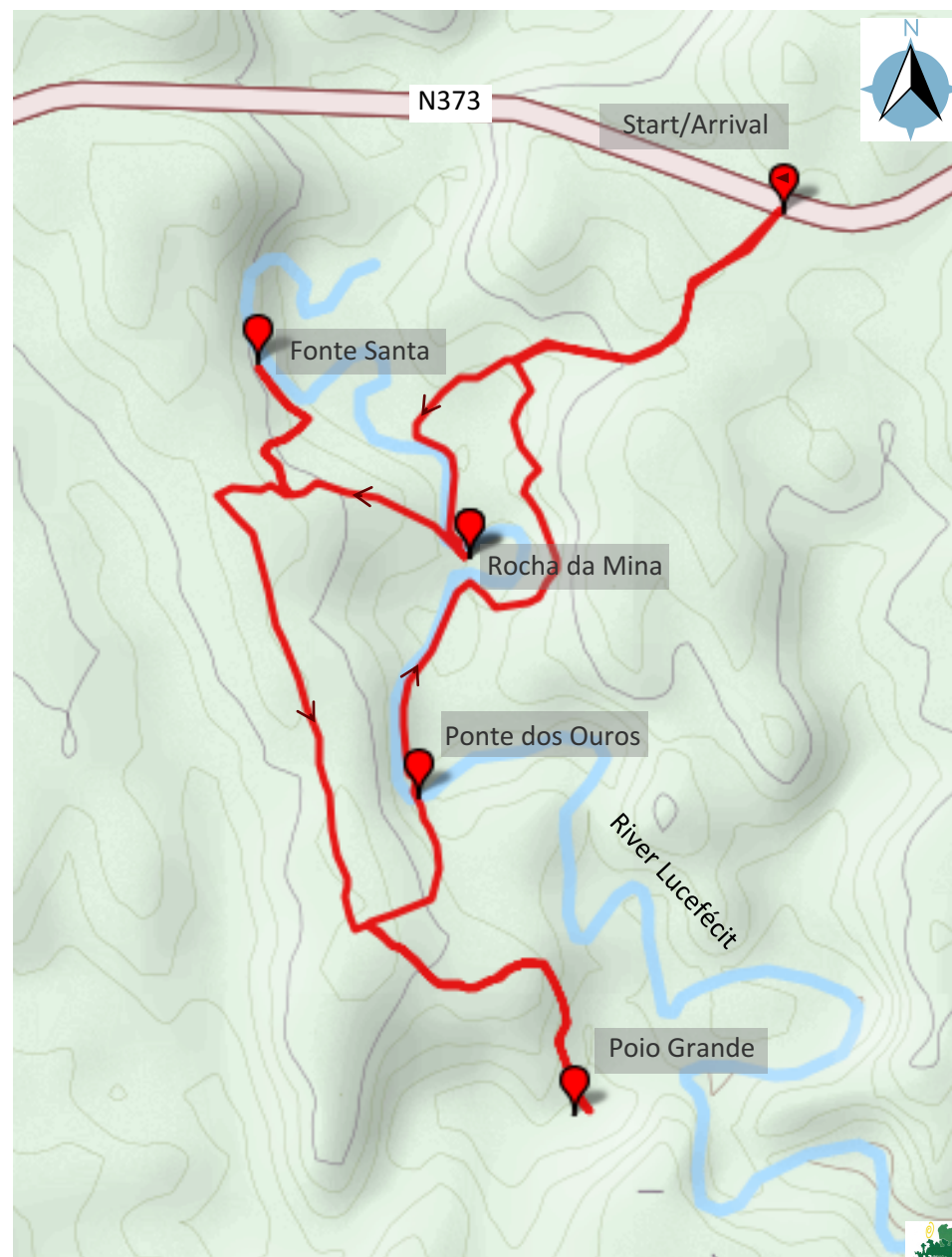


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