

ONE MOUNTAIN, MANY WORLDS

The mountain pathways are a network of pedestrian routes that, due to the range and diversity of places covered, represent one of the most enriching ways of discovering the region.

The Círio Mines route, beginning in Valezim, follows a valley lodged on the western side of the Estrela mountain range. The village has a rich history, which can be seen in the varied group of monuments and in the ruins of an old mining complex.

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112

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MOUNTAIN PATHWAYS

CÍRIO MINES ROUTE

The Círio Mines route develops in the surroundings of Valezim along the valley of the Valezim stream. In the village, the architectural heritage is diverse, standing out the picturesque chapel of Saint Domingos, the manor house of the Castelo Branco family, the pillory and the church of Our Lady of the Rosary which has medieval roots.

The route covers an area marked by sharp contrasts in the landscape, where pine tree and sweet chestnut woods, cultivated terraced fields and riverside habitats prevail.

At the lower part of the valley, with access through an unpaved road, are the Círio Mines, an old mining complex for tin and wolfram going back to the time of the Second World War.

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NATURAL HERITAGE

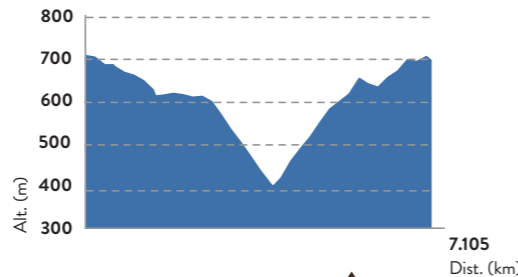
- > The Valezim stream
- > The Lajes well
- > Flora and fauna

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- > The church of Our Lady of the Rosary
- > The chapel of Saint Domingos
- > A medieval pathway
- > Manor house of the Castelo Branco family
- > Sixteenth century fountain
- > Pillory
- > Watermills
- > The Círio mines

TECHNICAL SHEET

Type of route: circular short distance path
 Recommended direction: clockwise
 Starting/finishing point: EN 231 (next to the swimming pools)
 Starting/finishing coordinates: N 40° 21.460' / W 07° 42.915'
 Distance: 7.105 km
 Accumulated gradients: +504m / -504m
 Altitude: minimum 400 m / maximum 712 m
 Approximate time: 2 hours 30 minutes
 Degree of difficulty: III – rather difficult
 Recommended season: all year
 Military map: (IGEOE / 1:25000) n.º: 223



CÍRIO MINES ROUTE (Blue dotted line) and **GR 22** (Black dotted line)

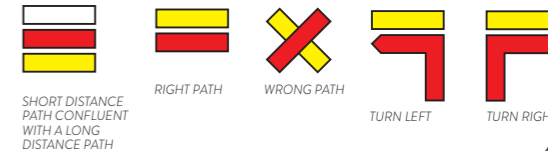
- Starting and finishing point
- Fountain
- Waterlines
- Paved road
- Geodetic mark
- Elevation point

Due to the risk they pose, never enter the mine galleries.

BEHAVIOUR RULES

- > Plan the route you intend to do: gather beforehand the available, necessary information and make sure you finish the walk before nightfall.
- > Do not light fires.
- > Stay on signed paths and respect signs at all times.
- > Be polite to the local inhabitants and respect their customs and traditions.
- > Do not disturb cattle and do not damage cultivated areas.
- > Respect nature: do not remove and/or disturb animals, plants or damage geological formations.
- > If you find a wounded or debilitated wild animal, try to direct it to a recovery centre for wild fauna.
- > Do not drop litter or remains of your passage.
- > Always carry water, food, sun screen, appropriate clothes and footwear and a first-aid kit.
- > In some situations you will need to cross tarmac roads. Do so with care.

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