

PINE FOREST ROUTE

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This route enables the contact with the **socio-cultural and environmental heritage**. It invites you to discover the village of **Miravillas**. It runs through forested coastal **dunes** with extensive **pine forests**. The biodiversity of the forest landscape was considered valuable enough for the European Union to elevate these dune pine forests to the Special Area of Conservation status of the **Natura 2000 Site - Dunas de Mira, Gândara e Gafanhas**.

Until the early twentieth century, the coastal dunes of the region, almost devoid of vegetation, advanced with its sands inland, burying farmland and threatening the towns. At that time began its afforestation to stop the erosion. The afforestation to fix the dunes was complemented by other actions: draining of swamps and marshes; trenching and drains; building fences, rangers forest houses, guard posts, roads and bridges. The conductor, Manuel Alberto Rei, was the mentor of this transformation and had abundant people from Mira to labour, "the work was very hard, but it was achieved with good will, energy and persistence of obedient and working people."

This route begins and ends in **Pátio Miravillas** - a residential and tourist resort surrounded by a shady forest - **Dunas e Pinhais de Mira**. You should follow the existing markings and tags. Contemplating the houses between the dune forest winding through sandy paths, going up and down the dunes, watching the plants, listen and observe the animals that inhabit these forests. Cross marshy interdune depressions during the rains, with plants adapted to flooding. Pass by forest drains that flows the water and by crests of dunes. The dominance of the route will be the pine forest, although it travels a short distance in urban areas.

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WALKING ROUTES OF MIRA



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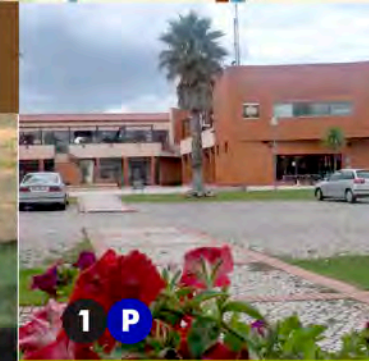
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Pátio Miravillas
(start/end of route)



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Pine forest



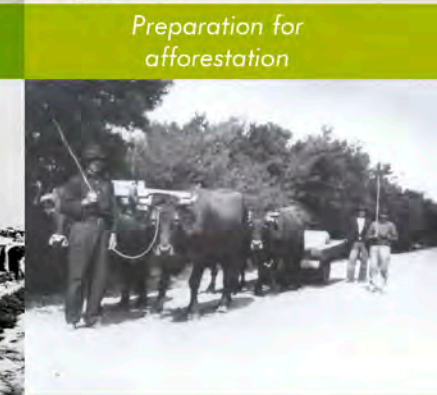
Mira's dune before
afforestation



Preparation for
afforestation



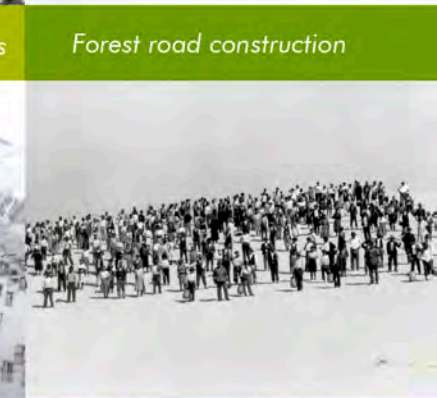
Sowing pines at Mira's dunes



Forest road construction



Ditch opening



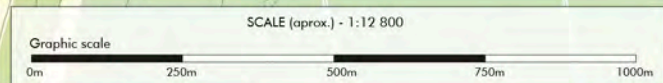
Mira's people that worked
in litoral dunes afforestation

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Atlantic Ocean

PR	Interpretive pedestrian short route
	Type of route Circular and bidirectional. Runs by forest and pavement.
	Departures or arrival points Pátio do Aldeamento Miravillas 40.440089 -8.788921 1
	Length 3.650m (meters)
	Duration about 55min (without stops)
	Upward gradient 67m Alt. max. 18m Alt. min. 8m
MIDE	The difficulty level is determined according to four different factors, each one is scale of 1 to 5 (1- Easy; 5- Hard)
	Environment difficulty 1 Orientation 1
	Hardness of the ground 1 Physical effort 2
	Advised season All year. There may be waterlogged areas in the rainy season.
	Places of interest (map): 1 Pátio Miravillas 2 Pinhal



Recommendations

- Walk only on the marked paths
- Respect signs and other informative structures
- Respect the natural heritage do not disturb plant, animals and other natural elements
- Do not damage the agricultural or forest fields
- Do not make noise or have attitudes that might disturb the tranquillity
- Respect the cultural heritage, local people, visitors, private property and the use of public spaces
- Fire is forbidden
- Do not litter, use the appropriate garbage containers
- Use comfortable clothes and shoes
- Use sunscreen and drink plenty of water



Right way Wrong way Turn left Turn right

CYCLE-PEDESTRIAN TRACK

