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Vereda do Pico Ruivo



The Foothpath

Beginning at Achada do Teixeira this trail climbs up to the island's highest peak, Pico Ruivo (1862m). Next to the Pico Ruivo government house you can gain access to 3 other trails that take the hiker to different parts of the island: PR 1 – Pico do Areeiro footpath (5,1/6,4 Km), which takes you to Pico do Areeiro, the island's 2nd highest peak (1816m); PR 1.3 – Encumeada Footpath (8.6 Km), goes along the central mountain range to the West; and PR 1.1 – Ilha Footpath (8.2 Km), which descends to the parish of Ilha. Along the climb you will meet several shelters as the change in climate is sudden and sharp and the area often becomes covered in a sea of clouds or rests above it.

This area is part of the European network of important areas – Natura 2000 – and is known as the central mountain massif. It covers from the highest peaks to 1200m above sea level. It is characterised by herbaceous and bush vegetation that is well-adapted to big temperature variations, heavy rains and strong winds, and is where you can find many types of heather (*Erica scoparia* ssp *maderensis* and *Erica aborea*), which many years ago were used to produce charcoal.

The trail climbs along the ridge that separates the cliffs of Faial and those of Santana, and so allows for an excellent view to the left of the Ribeira Seca valley, topped by Pico das Torres, and Pico do Areeiro in the background. On the right-hand side you can see the "gables" of the Santana mountain range, from where in the distance you can see the Queimadas Forest Park and further ahead Achada do Marques (a small hamlet known for its straw lofts and traditional fields), which appears in the centre of the Ribeira dos Arcos valley. Towards the interior we can see the Ribeira Grande valley that begins at the "mouths" of Caldeirão Verde and Caldeirão do Inferno.

When visibility is good to the East you can see the rocky outcrop of Penha d'Águia, the Funduras mountain range and part of the S. Lourenço Point (far eastern part of Madeira island).

At Achada do Teixeira you can also visit the "Standing Man" ("Homem em pé"), a basalt formation which you will find walking down the cliff, after passing the Achada do Teixeira government house.

Description

Distance: 2,8 Km (+ 2,8 Km regresso)

Time: 1h 30 m

Maxim altitude: 1861 m

Minim altitude: 1535 m

Start: Achada do Teixeira

End: Achada do Teixeira

Warning

The climate is very variable, take warm clothing

Contacts

Emergency	112
Civil Protection	291700112
Taxis	
Santana	291572540

Regional festivities

- Saint Anne Festivity in Santana.....Last weekend of July
- Blessed Sacrament festivity in Santana.....First weekend of August
- 48 Hours dancing / Regional festival of folklore in SantanaJune
- Book fair in Santana.....June
- Gastronomic week of Santana.....Beginning of de August
- "Compadres" (godfather)2º Sunday before Carnival Festivity in Santana

Attractions

Small Santana thatched houses; corn straw dolls; candles; tapestry, wool handcraft (ear caps), Madeira embroidery, squared stone handcraft; basketry; wood handcrafts.

Field Code



Walking code

- Avoid noise or actions against nature.
- Do not take plants or animal with you.
- Do not throw rubbish away (tissues do not easily decompose).
- Do not light fires.
- If you are a smoker do not throw cigarettes ends on the floor, keep them for the dust-bin.
- Do not change or damage the signs.

For your own safety ...

- Before starting out make sure you have update instructions on the route.
- Let someone else know where you're going and when you expect to return.
- Be sure to confirm the time it will take so that you can finish before nightfall.
- Take some extra food and water with you.
- Wear suitable clothes and shoes;
- If possible take a mobile phone whit you;
- In case of heavy rain or strong winds do not go on and/or turn back using the same routes.
- Don't take risks.

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