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Levada dos Cedros

The Footpath

This trail begins at Regional Highway E.R. 209 next to the well-known area of Fanal on the Paúl da Serra plateau and follows the Cedros Levada until it reaches the parish of Ribeira da Janela.

Take advantage of the magnificent area of Fanal, a small volcanic hollow classified as an Area of Rest and Quiet by the Madeira Nature Park, to enjoy a good dose of relaxation therapy. Here you will find marvellous groves of centuries-old Madeira laurel (*Ocotea foetens*), including some specimens that have resisted since times before the discovery of the island.

The Cedros Levada originates in the springs of water of Lombo do Cedro, at an elevation of 1000 metres, located on the slopes of the right bank of the Ribeira da Janela stream. Built in the 17th century, this levada is today one of the oldest watercourses built on the island, having been excavated in the soil of the slope and is lined with stone only in areas where the soil is more porous.

This walk passes through an area of primitive Madeira forest, in a vibrant state of conservation and development, the Laurisilva forest, classified as World Nature Heritage by UNESCO in 1999. It is an integral part of the European Network of Sites of Community Importance – Natura 2000 Network.

Along the way, you will encounter an evolution in the size of the indigenous species. Species such as the Madeira laurel (*Ocotea foetens*), Lily-of-the-Valley tree (*Clethra foetens*), Laurel (*Laurus azorica*), Madeira mahogany (*Persea indica*), and Madeira blueberry (*Vaccinium padifolium*) are in their full splendour.

From the start, the route of the Cedros levada follows the steep slope of the right bank of the Ribeira da Janela to the parish of Entrosa, from where it veers off in a northerly direction to its end at Curral Falso.

This trail leads to PR 15 – the Ribeira da Janela Footpath, which gives access to the neighbouring settlement.



Legend

- Regional road
- Footpath
- Rural road
- Water course
- Stream
- House

- Information Point
- Picnic Spots
- Forestry Station

- Fauna
- Natural Flora



Description

Distance: 5,8 Km
Time: 3h
Highest point: 1130m
Lowest point: 840m
Start: E.R. 209 (Fanal)
Finish: E.R. 209 (Curral Falso)

Warning

Danger of vertigo.

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.

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Contacts

Emergency number	112
Civil Protection	291700112
Buses (RODOESTE)	291220148
Taxis (Porto Moniz)	291852243

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 route.
- Don't take risks.

Local Festivities

- Festa de Nossa Senhora da Encarnação at Ribeira da Janela (March)
- Agricultural and Cattle Fair (2nd weekend of July)
- Week of the Sea (End of July, beginning of August)
- Festa do Senhor at Ribeira da Janela (2nd Sunday of August)
- Festa do Santíssimo Sacramento (Holy Sacrament) at Ribeira da Janela (August)

Handcrafts

Madeira embroidery; Patchwork tapestry, Woollen clothing.

Promotor



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