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To the Rhythm of the Waters of Vascão

Der Rhythmus der Wasser des Vascão



WIPortugal

Start: Mesquita, GPS: N 37° 32' 21"; W 7° 32' 12"

Approach: From Mertola head south towards Vila Real de Sta. António. After 18.5 km turn left into the village of Mesquita.

Zufahrt: Von Mertola südlich Richtung Vila Real de Santo António. Nach 18,5 km links abbiegen zum Dorf Mesquita.

Length/Länge: 4.5 km

Time/Zeit: 1h 20min

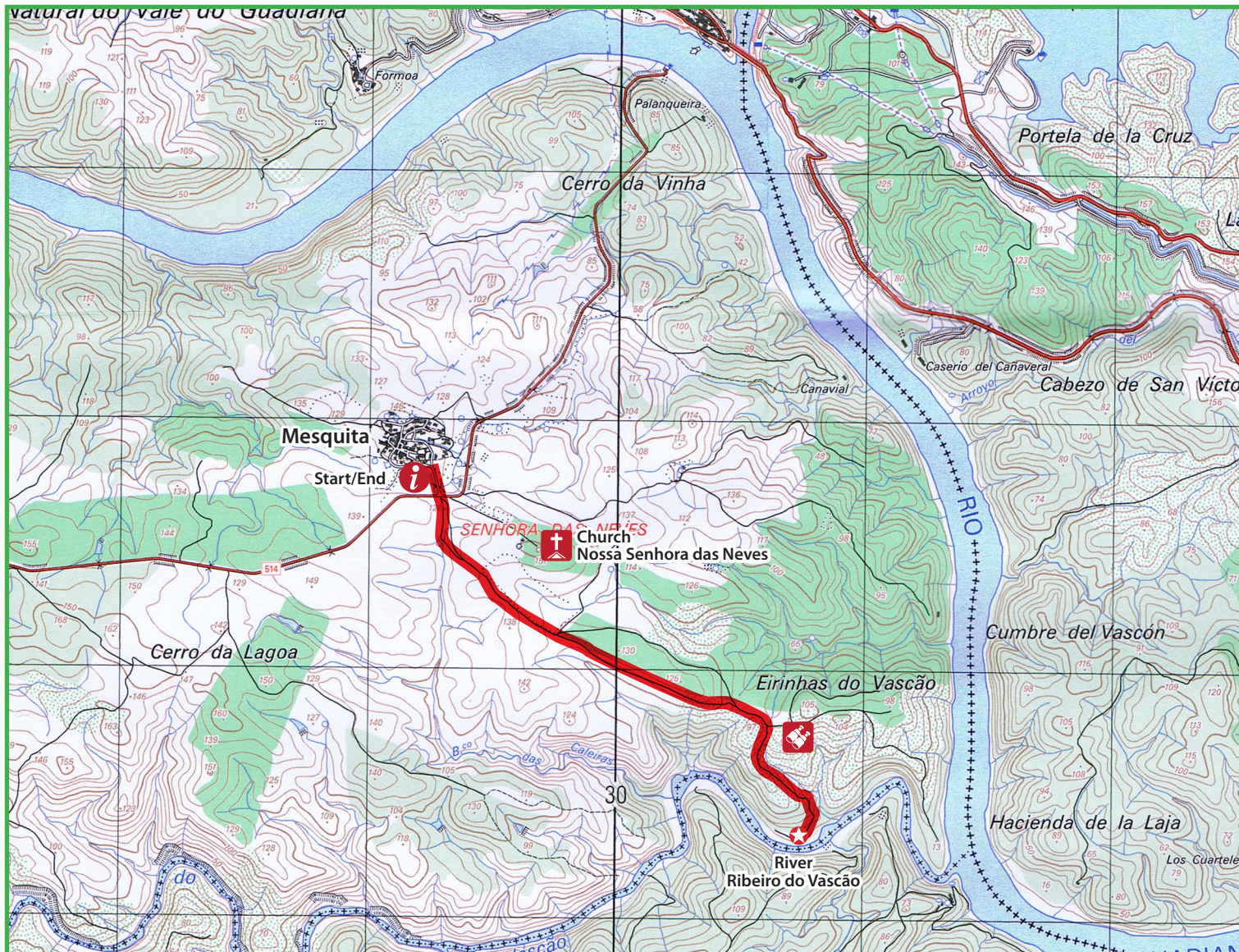
Difficulty/Schwierigkeit: easy/einfach

Highlights:

Igreja de Nossa Senhora das Neves: Church /Kirche

Ribeiro do Vascão: This nature river forms the border between Algarve & Alentejo /

Dieser naturbelassene Fluss bildet die Grenze zwischen der Algarve und dem Alentejo



Plants:

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)
Almond Tree (*Prunus dulcis*)
Mastic (*Psitacia lentiscus*)
Holm Oak (*Quercus rotundifolia*)
Hoop Petticoat (*Narcissus bulbocodium*)
Gum Rockrose (*Cistus ladanifer*)
Fig (*Ficus carica*)
Branched asphodel (*Asphodelus ramosus*)
Jonquil (*Narcissus jonquilla*)
Oleander (*Nedum oleander*)
Olive Tree (*Olea europaea* var. *europaea*)
Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*)
Pennyroyal (*Mentha pulegium*)
Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*)
Rockrose (*Cistus crispus*)
Spanish Lavender (*Lavandula stoechas*)
Montepelier cistus (*Cistus monspeliensis*)
African Tamarisk (*Tamarix africana*)
Securinega tinctoria
Broom (*Genista* sp.)

Birds:

Red-legged Partridge (*Alectods rufa*)
Short-toed Eagle (*Circus etus*)
Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Little Plover (*Charadrius dubius*)
Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)
Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*)
Little Owl (*Athene noctua*)
Red-necked Nightjar (*Caprimulgus ruficollis*)
Common Swift (*Apus apus*)
Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)
Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*)
Thekla Lark (*Galerida theklae*)
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*)
Rufous Bush Robin (*Cercotrichas galactotes*)
Nightingale (*Luscinia megarhynchos*)
Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*)
Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)
Dartford Warbler (*Sylvia undata*)
Sardinian Warbler (*Sylvia melanocephala*)
Iberian Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus ibericus*)
Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*)
Blue Tilt (*Parus caeruleus*)
Great Tilt (*Parus major*)
Southern Grey Shrike (*Lanius meridionalis*)
Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*)
Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*)
Azure-winged Magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*)
Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)
Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*)
Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*)

Mammals:

Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)
Wild Cat (*Felis silvestris*)
Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)
Hare (*Lepus europaeus*)
Otter (*Lutra lutra*)
European Badger (*Meles meles*)
Deer (*Cervus elaphus*)
Greater Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*)
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*)

Reptiles:

Bedriaga's Skink (*Chalcides bedriagai*)
Southern Smooth Snake (*Coronella girondica*)
Spanish Psammomorphus (*Psammomorphus hispanicus*)
Mediterranean House Gecko (*Hemidactylus turcicus*)
Iberian Wall Lizard (*Podarcis hispanica*)

Amphibians:

Iberian Painted Frog (*Discoglossus galganoi*)
Mediterranean Tree Frog (*Hyla meridionalis*)
Sharp-ribbed Salamander (*Pleurodeles waltl*)
Fire Salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*)
Iberian parsley frog (*Pelodytes ibericus*)
Iberian Midwife Toad (*Alytes cisternasii*)
Marbled Newt (*Triturus marmoratus*)