



# Inferno Well Route

Manteigas - Trilhos Verdes

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Extension: **2,5 km**

Duration: **1,5 hours** (approx.)

Altitude: between **1081** and **1150** meters

Type: **Circular**

Advised direction: **Anti-Clockwise**

BTT: **No**



**QR Code**

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your mobile phone  
camera and activate  
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the code.

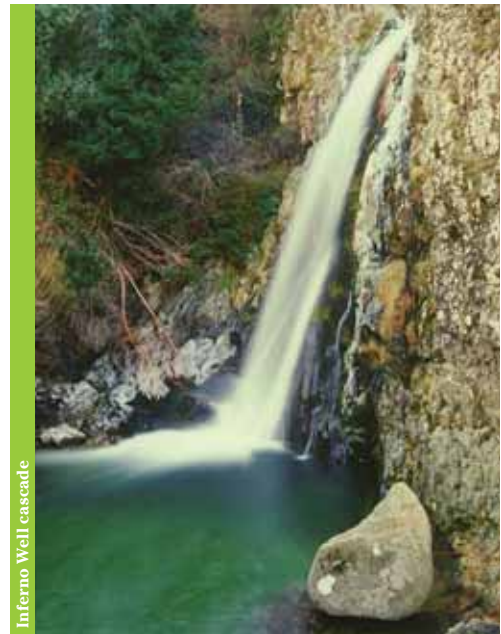
Difficulty: **Medium**



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By going through the Inferno Well Route we can see a dualism of landscape, humanized and natural, marked by different kinds of vegetation, with hardwoods and softwoods forests, where the senses arouse different emotions along the trail.

Due to the higher schistose peaks, formed by corneal rocks (phenomenon that occurs when the plastic and hot magma rises through pre-existents rocks), the predominant steeps landscapes, where water lines nascent emerge like the **Poço do Inferno** (Inferno Well) cascade. This natural waterfall is about 10 meters high and sometimes turns into ice during the more stringent winter. It's a geological monument with a extreme beauty and one of the most interesting points of this route, being in cause of that one of the ex-libris of Manteigas Municipality and also from Serra da Estrela (Star Mountain).

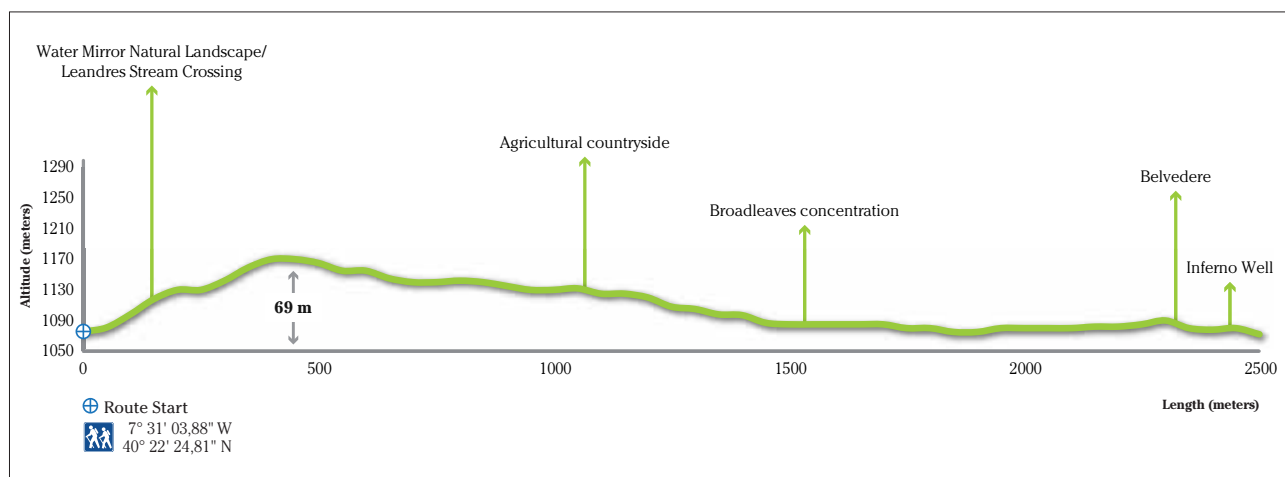


Inferno Well cascade



Leandresstream

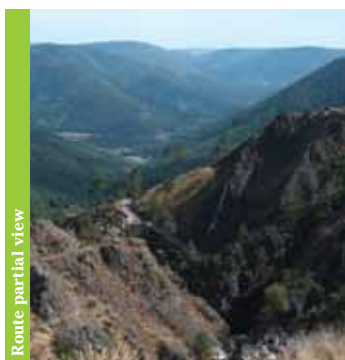
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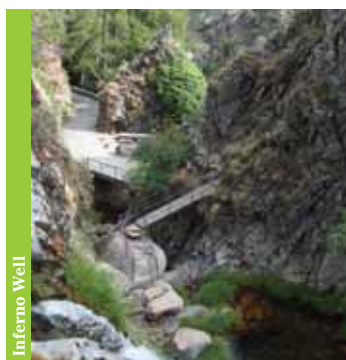
Regarding the landscape, the tourist can admire the view over the **Vale do Rio Zêzere** (River Zêzere Valley) and the **Vale da Ribeira de Leandres** (Leandres Stream Valley). In the humanized landscape, dominated by the **socalcos** (terraced land) and some “**cortes**” - support buildings for agriculture activities.

The broad range of species that can be found is to emphasize the *daffodil*, the *birch*, the *holm oak* and the *rowan*, all of them with high ecological value. The *yew*, also present, is extremely rare and it can only be found in Manteigas and Serra da Peneda-Gerês. Besides these specimens, in this trail also dominate the *sycamore*, the *beech*, the *Douglas-fir* and the *fir*.

The diversity of the existent fauna in the **Inferno Well** derives from the forest areas and the existing water lines in this area. The characteristic species of this area are the *wild rabbit*, the *fox*, the *Large Psammodromus* and the *Gold-striped salamander*. In what birds concerns the *kestrel* and *kingfisher* are present.



Route partial view



Inferno Well



Common beech



Narcissus



Route detail



### Legend



Route Start  
7° 31' 03,88" W  
40° 22' 24,81" N



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### Flora

- 01 - The rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
- 02 - Cork Oak (*Quercus suber*)
- 03 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*)
- 04 - Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*)
- 05 - Common Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
- 06 - Narcissus (*Narcissus rupicola*)
- 07 - Narcissus (*Narcissus triandrus*)
- 08 - Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
- 09 - Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- 10 - Iberian White Birch (*Betula celtiberica*)

### Fauna

Large Psammotromus (Lizard) (*Psammotromus alpinus*)  
Wild Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)  
Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)  
Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)  
Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)  
Gold-striped salamander (*Chioglossa lusitana*)

### Natural Landscape

- 01 - Water Mirror
- 02 - Panoramic view from Leandres Stream  
Valley Zêzere River affluent
- 03 - Waterfall
- 04 - Broadleaves and Softwood Forest
- 05 - Softwood Forest
- 06 - Broadleaves Forest
- 07 - Waterfall – Inferno Well Panoramic View

### Human Landscape

- 01 - Mariola
- 02 - Mariola
- 03 - Mariola
- 04 - Terraces
- 05 - Terraces
- 06 - Belvedere

### Observations Spots

- 01 - Belvedere

### Resting Points

- 01 - Resting place and/or meal  
- Inferno Well