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Between the Steppe and the "Mortado"

Zwischen Steppe und "Mortado"



WIPortugal

Start: Azinhal, GPS: N 37° 45' 39"; W 7° 48' 57"

Approach: From Mertola west towards Beja on the EN265. After arriving in Azinhal, turn left at the trail sign on the road.

Zufahrt: Von Mertola aus auf der EN265 Richtung Beja. Bei Ankunft in Azinhal beim Wanderweg-Schild links abbiegen.

Length/Länge: 11 km

Time/Zeit: 2h 50min

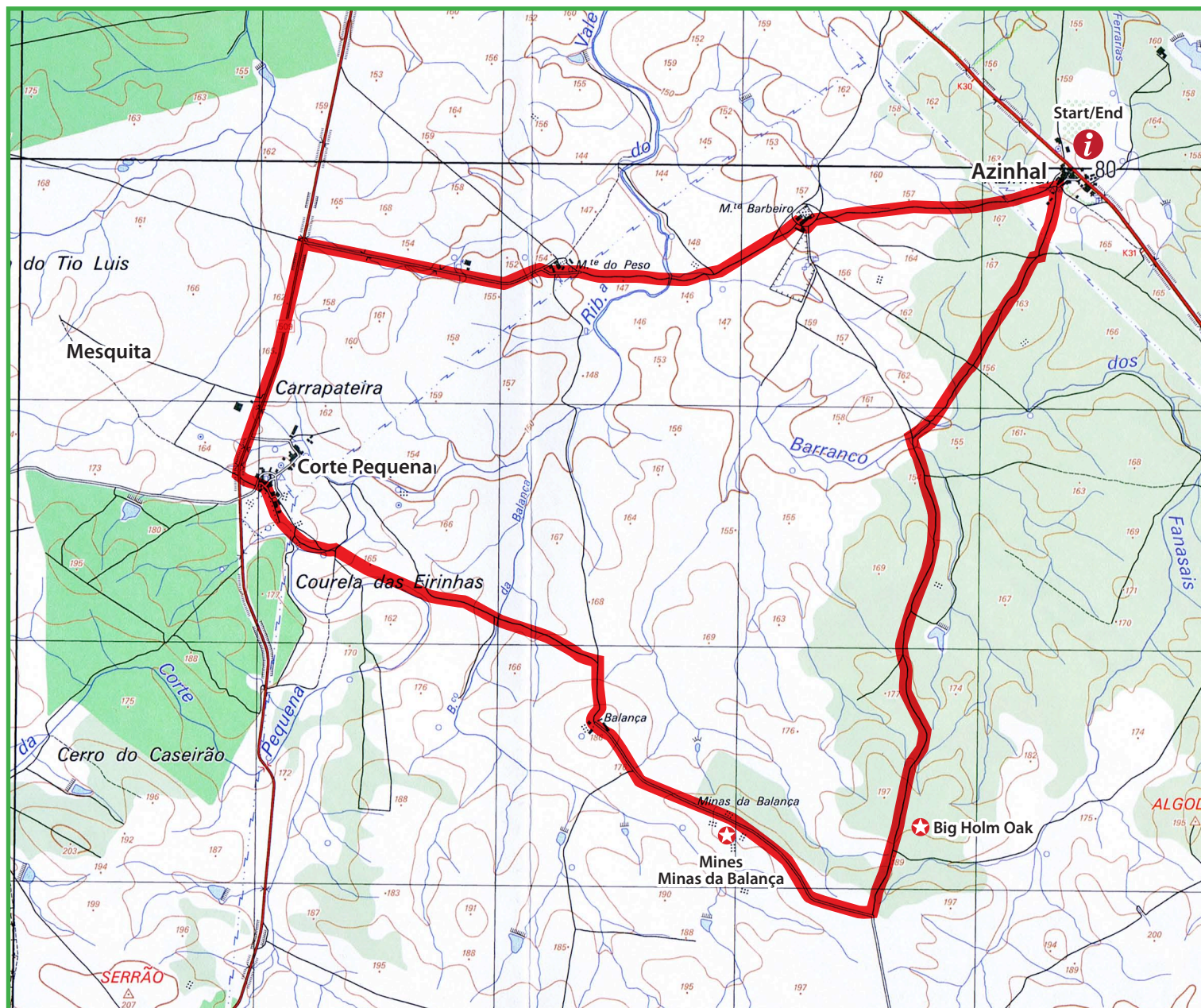
Difficulty/Schwierigkeit: easy/einfach

Highlights:

Minas da Balança: Old mines/ alte Minen

Birdwatching: This route crosses two Special Protection Areas (SPA) for Birds, Castro Verde SPA and Vale do Guadiana SPA

Vogelbeobachtung: Diese Route geht durch zwei "Vogelschutzgebiete" (SPA), Castro Verde SPA und Vale do Guadiana SPA



Plants:

Mastic (*Pistacia lentiscus*)
Holm Oak (*Quercus rotundifolia*)
Gum Rockrose (*Cistus ladanifer*)
Cork Oak (*Quercus Suber*)
Broom (*Genista* sp.)
Flax-leaved Daphne (*Daphne gnidium*)

Birds:

Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*)
Blackwinged Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*)
Monk Vulture (*Aegypius monaehus*)
Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*)
Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)
Spanish Imperial Eagle (*Aquila adalberti*)
Crane (*Grus grus*)

Little Bustard (*Tetrax tetrax*)
Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*)
Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*)
Black-bellied Sandgrouse (*Pterocles orientalis*)
Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)
Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*)
Scops Owl (*Otus scops*)
Little Owl (*Athene noctua*)
Roller (*Coracias garrulus*)
Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)
Greater Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella brachydactyla*)
Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*)
Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*)
Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*)
Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*)
Azure-winged Magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*)
Corn Bunting (*Emberiza calandra*)

Mammals:

Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)
Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)
Hare (*Lepus europaeus*)
Greater Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*)
Lesser Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*)

Amphibians:

Sharp-ribbed Salamander (*Pleurodeles waltl*)
Iberian Parsley Frog (*Pelodytes ibericus*)