



Key

- PR1 Rice Route
- Main roads
- Unpaved roads

Points of interest

- 1** Vila Nova de Anços
- 2** Chapel and Rice Fields
- 3** Casal do Redinho



Extension

4,5 km

Total ascent/descent

+ 60 m

Duration

00h50m

Height

max/min
45 / 4 m

Type of Route

Linear

Recommended season

Year-round

Difficulty

The level of difficulty is expressed in 4 different categories, rated 1 to 5 (1: easy; 5: hard)



Type of terrain



Physical exertion



Difficulty



Orientation

Signage®



Right way



Wrong way



Turn right



Turn left

Special care and standards of conduct

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- Follow only the marked trails
- Respect the birdlife. Do not touch the nests and avoid noise and disturbance
- Observe wildlife from a distance, preferably with binoculars
- Do not litter, drop the trash at a collection point
- Do not collect or damage the flora
- Respect private property
- Avoid behaviours that disturbs the local environment
- Do not light fires
- Be friendly to local people, clear about your purpose and about the waymarks

Contacts

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Saturday 10h00 - 13h00 | 14h00 - 18h00
Closed on Sunday, Holidays and eves of Easter, Christmas and New Year

Emergency

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further information



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RICE ROUTE

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The Rice Route is a 4,5 km linear route, and part of the CIM-RC “River and Wetlands” project, emphasising countryside and nature themes, as it runs mostly along the right bank of the River Arunca, from the rice fields in Vila Nova de Anços, to the special bird life protected zone of Paul da Madriz (a RAMSAR site and part of the Natura 2000 Network), on the southernmost edge of Casal do Redinho.



Rice fields

The suggested starting point for this route is Vila Nova de Anços, next to the bridge over the River Arunca. This route runs along the right margin of the river, where typical riparian vegetation can be found, such as rusty willows, remarkable narrow-leaved ash trees, and common alders. The surrounding landscape is distinctly agricultural, with its rice and maize fields, among irrigation canals that host species such as the common reed, lakeshore bulrush, bulrush, soft rush, yellow iris and branched bur-reed. A small hill rises above the countryside, with a panoramic view over the Baixo Mondego farmlands.



Arunca River



N. Sra. dos Remédios Chapel



Casal do Redinho

This is the site of the Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Chapel, dating from 1728, where a notable example of seventeenth-century stone altarpiece can be found. The surrounding vegetation include characteristic species such as the cork oak, Portuguese oak, holm oak, hawthorn, and an undergrowth packed with bushes and climbers, notably butcher’s-broom, heather, dwarf gorse, sage-leaved rock-rose, common ivy, scilla, and the petticoat daffodil.

The route follows northward toward Casal do Redinho, leaving the area influenced by the river, and entering the special protected zone of Paul da Madriz, a wetland stretching across about 40 hectares. Here, the scenery is markedly different, revealing bird life characteristic of wetlands (142 identified species), and riparian plant life that provides shelter to the Eurasian otter and other forms of animal life. Notable examples of animal life include the purple swamphen, a reintroduced species, and an icon of Paul da Madriz.

This is also a nesting site, a refuge during the winter, and a migratory passing point for birds such as the grey heron, the white stork, the Western marsh-harrier, and the common kingfisher. Other birds also grace the areas by the rice fields, such as the Eurasian spoonbill, the black-tailed godwit, and the short-eared owl

Flora 1 Rusty willow *Salix atrocinerea* 2 Lakeshore bulrush *Schoenoplectus lacustris* 3 Bulrush *Typha latifolia*
4 Holm oak *Quercus rotundifolia* 5 Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* 6 Heather *Erica cinerea*
7 Butcher’s-broom *Ruscus aculeatus* 8 Scilla *Scilla monophyllos* 9 Petticoat daffodil *Narcissus bulbocodium*

Fauna 1 Eurasian otter *Lutra lutra* 2 Grey heron *Ardea cinerea* 3 White stork *Ciconia ciconia*
4 Western marsh-harrier *Circus aeruginosus* 5 Common kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* 6 Eurasian spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*
7 black-tailed godwit *Limosa limosa* 8 Short-eared owl *Asio flammeus*

