

MADEIRA 2007

14th February 2007 – Levada Do Caldeirão Verde



Description

PR 9

Distance: 4.5 km (+ 4.5 km regresso)

Time: 5h30 m

Maxim altitude: 980 m

Minim altitude: 890m

Start: Parque Forestal das Queimadas

End: Parque Forestal das Queimadas

This trail begins at the Queimadas Forestal Park and winds along the walkway of the levada of Caldeirão Verde at 980 m elevation, in the municipality of Santana.

The levada of Caldeirão Verde is an impressive work of art built in the 18th century that begins in the main stream bed of the Caldeirão Verde brook. Passing through steep cliffs and mountains, it carries the water that runs off the highest mountains of Madeira, to be used to irrigate the farm lands of the parish of Fajal.

At the Queimadas Forestal Park there is a shelter (Casa de Abrigo das Queimadas), which retains the original features of the typical houses of Santana, including a marvelous thatched roof. After you pass through the 4 tunnels on the route, Caldeirão Verde appears on the left of the levada and one has only to climb a few metres along the stream bed to reach it. The Caldeirão Verde lake is formed by water that falls from the bed of the Caldeirão Verde stream bed from a height of approximately 100m.

Warnings: Tunnels en route, carry a torch; the path may be slippery, wear anti-slip footwear.



Above – the start of the walk at Queimadas.

Left – group on the levada.

Right – Hillary, Jessica & Alan.





Top left – crossing a bridge. Top right – view from the levada. Above left – walking along the levada. Above middle – Kate entering one of the tunnels. Above right – Sandra in the tunnel.
Below left – Bruno exiting the tunnel. Below middle – Terry, Jessica & Hillary in the tunnel. Below right – Liz.





Top left – Jill & Steve in the tunnel. Top right – L-R: Liz, Kate, Jessica, Peggy, Anne, Hillary, Terry, Sandra & Bruno.
Above left – Walking along the levada. Above – The path clung to the cliff!. Above right – going into a tunnel.



Left – Alan
photographing
the view.

Right – Me.





Above left & middle – views of the levada. Above right – Alan & Kate. Below left – Steve & the waterfall at Caldeirão Verde. Below right – lunch break.



Above left – Terry, Peggy & Liz. Above right – emerging from a tunnel.
Below left – Alan. Below middle – going underground again. Below right – walking through arable fields.

