

# MADEIRA 2007

16<sup>th</sup> February 2007 –Encumeada to Boca Da Corrida



## Description

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Distance: 12.5 km  
Time: 6h 30m  
Max altitude: 1340 m  
Min altitude: 640 m  
Start: Miradouro do Porto de Cais da  
End: E.R. 228 (Encumeada)

This trail begins at the Ribeira da Corrida viewpoint and runs along elevations between 1240 and 1400 metres, crossing part of the Central Mountainous Massif along the foot of the highest peaks of the Island of Madeira. It is an old "Royal Path" that was paved and served as one of the main routes of the movement of persons on the island. It was used by traders going on horseback whose wives reclined in hot-mocks carried by men. These are references to a grocery store that existed somewhere along this path that was likely a trading post in an area where travellers passed by as they crossed the island.

In the landscape that unfolds before you, you will be able to see Curral das Freiras in the valley below. In 1566, this small village surrounded by enormous mountains in the heart of the island became a refuge for crows from the Santo Claro Convent, who brought with them the treasures of the convent when pirates attacked Funchal.

As you go around Ico Grande, the settlement of Serra d'Água and Encumeada will come into sight signalling the end of the trail is near.

Warnings: Carry sufficient drinking water



Above – map and description.  
Left – our hotel.

Right – waymarking sign.  
Below left – heading through the roadworks.  
Below right – Anne, Jessica, Peggy & Terry.





Above – Peggy, Jessica & Terry. Below – Peggy, Jessica, Sandra, Liz.





Terry

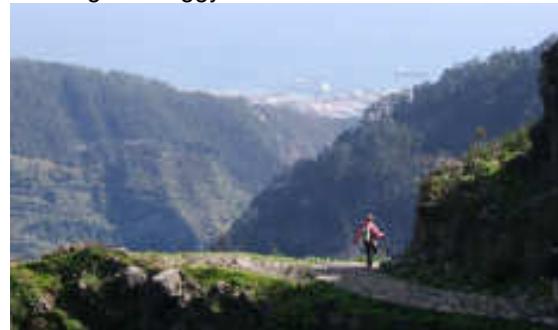


Above – Liz & Ian. Right – me. Below – on the descent to Boca Da Corrida.





Above left – admiring the view. Above right – Alan photographing the view.  
Below left – Liz & Kate. Below Right – Peggy.



Above – rainbow over Funchal.  
Below – views of Machico & our hotel.

