



There's an elevation in the northeast of Castelo de Vide called *Torrinha*, and this elevation is encircled by this trail and this justifies the trail's name.

During your walk you might see spots with archeological, military and religious interest, and also the wonderful landscape of the *Serra de S. Mamede*.

This trail is quite difficult, especially in the beginning and in the end. Meanwhile you can relax! You will find olive trees, oak trees, yellow and white broom and several water crosses.

Birds as the goldfinch, starting or eagles can be found during the trail. The best time to see those species is between April to June.

The soils are granitic with some outcrops that are used for pastoral and farming proposes.

The track starts near the *Ladeira do Bom Jesus*, just in front of a beautiful building where, during many years, was a thermal centre. Then you take the a way called *caminho da fonte da areia*. When you reach the fountain, you have to turn right, through a tiny way between walls.

After that you should cross several municipal roads and a railway. Please be very careful! The trains still use this rail.

A few hundred meters ahead, you will have an optional left turn, in case you want to visit the *Anta dos Pombais* (dome). If you decide to go there, you must walk all the way back to the cross in order to continue by the main track.

Please always leave the gates closed in order to avoid the cattle to escape.

Back in track, you should cross the second railway and turn left. Then another railway should be crossed. From here, you will see those yellow and white brooms and the oaks. When you find the paved road turn right and visit the *Anta do Galhardo* (dolmen). This is also a return track.

Then you have to take the black road for about 3 km. And now you are already heading in the direction of the village. Here the flora is quite the same but oaks start to get much bigger. The landscape is now composed by dry land and pasture land.

During the track you might see the castle of Marvão, the valley of Ribeira da Vide and the northeast of the *Serra de S. Mamede*.

After the fourth and last cross of Rarnal de Cáceres railway (this is actually the railway that connects Lisbon to Madrid - Spain) you have to leave the main road to enter a short way between walls that you will find in you right inside. This was a very important way for the farmers that worked the fields during the day and at night several species such as foxes, wild boars, or birds of prey.

And there's a place, when you are already in your way down to the church of Bom Jesus where the chapel of *Sra. da Penha* seems to be leveled with the village. Try to see it!

After the church of Bom Jesus, you should continue by the paved track and after about 300 meters you have to turn left, using a trail that takes you to a municipal road. Then turn right and then turn left. There's a track that you have to climb and this is actually the last piece of this trail. You may consider trying out other cycling and walking trails. We hope you had a very pleasant time.



Points of Interest

1 - Fonte da Areia (fountain)

We don't know when this fountain was built or the reasons for this name. Areia, in Portuguese, means sand. This is a public fountain that is used to provide water for people and to the vegetal plots.



2 - Anta dos Pombais (megalithic monument)

This is a funeral prehistoric structure known as a dolmen, and it was built during the chalcolithic period. It is classified as a National monument since 1910. During the years it has served both as storage and as a shelter place.

The funeral chamber is polygonal (irregular) with 7 braces that are now united by building stone and it's where the cover stone holds.

There is no access corridor. Despite all the alterations that people have made to this monument over the years, it is still a very impotent structure and also one of the most important megalithic tombs of Castelo de Vide.



3 - Anta do Pincho (megalithic monument)

This is a megalithic tomb that stands half hillside in an open field. The chamber should have had originally a polygonal configuration with seven granite braces, but only five remain, and they are all broke. There is also a corridor formed by two braces that is turned to the east.

4 - Anta do Galhardo (megalithic monument)

This is a megalithic tomb that stands in an open field. Originally it was made of seven granite braces but only six remain. The braces are slightly leaning towards the centre of the chamber. This chamber is polygonal irregular, with the entrance turned to east and with no access corridor. The tumulus is not recognizable. It is classified as a National monument since 1910

5 - Igreja do Bom Jesus (church)

We don't know the exact date of the building of this temple, but it looks that it should have been during the XVIII century. There are 2 volumes, nave / main-chapel and vestry. The pavement is made of bricks and granite forming several geometric compositions. This pavement stands higher than the nave of the church. At the top of the altar there's woodcarving works where the image of the Bom Jesus is. Next to the west wall there's a small steeple with a bell.



6 - Praça Alta

This is a defensive wall built in the XVII century and it shows how the walls from the renascence period were projected. They are aligned with the medieval military structure - the castle - following the growth of the village and being dependent from the morphology of the soil. This is also a great spot for sightseeing. The rivers Tejo and Sever separate Portugal from Spain, and from here you can actually see Spain, just in front. But you can also see the farming lands surrounding Castelo de Vide and the mountains of Açor, Estrela and Gardunha.



Complementary informations

Fire station	245901444
Health center	245900160
National guard	245901314
Tourism office	245908227
Archeology service	245908220

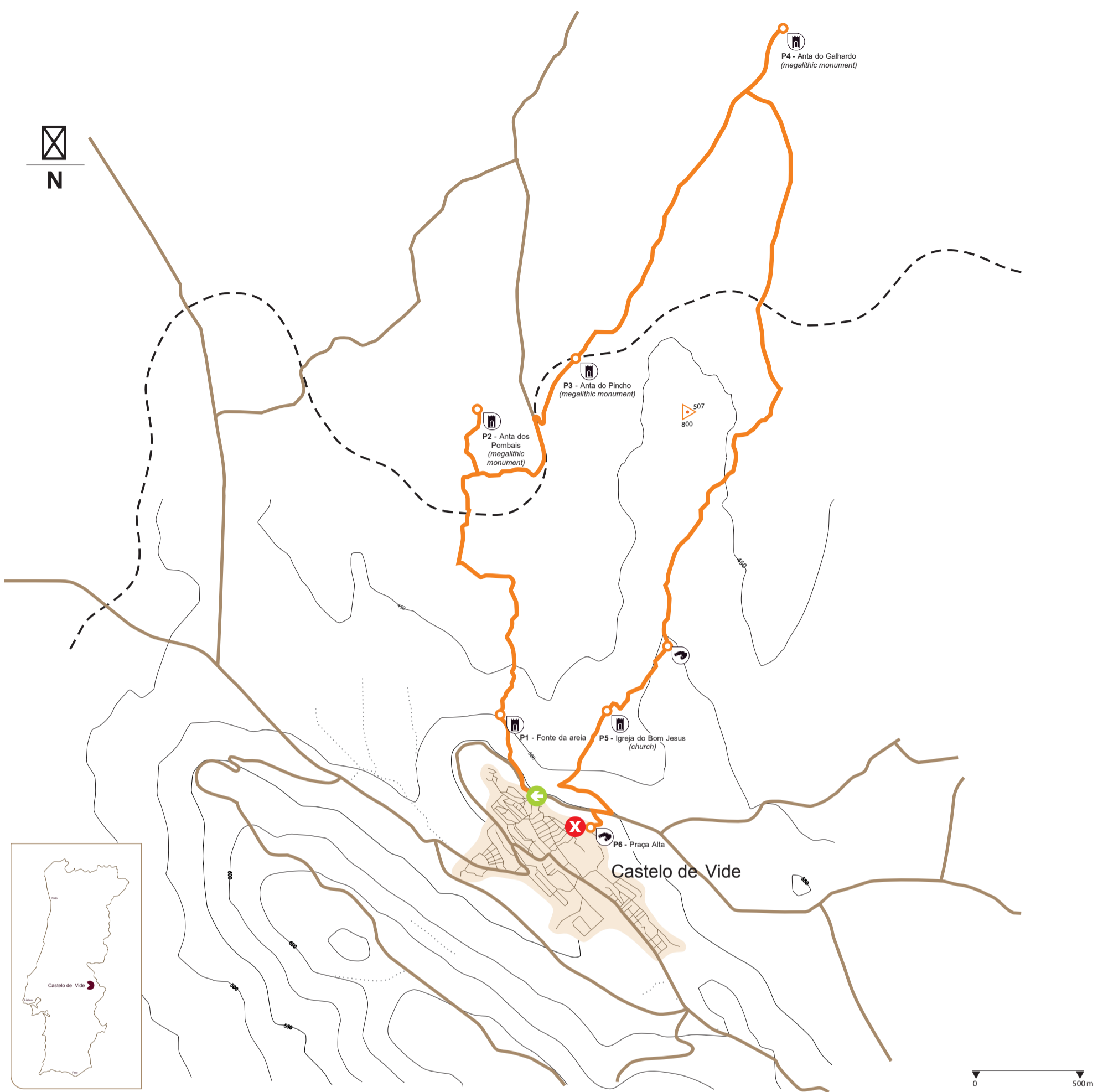
Fire station of Castelo de Vide
 Address: Sítio do Canapé - EN 246-1
 GPS: N39°24'51,97" O-07°27'23,05"

Health center of Castelo de Vide
 Address: Quinta de Stº António EN - 246 -1
 GPS: N39°24'50,81" O-07°27'21,62"

Police
 Address: Av. da Aramenha nº 25
 GPS: N39°24'50,83" O-07°27'09,76"

Tourism office
 Address: Praça D. Pedro
 email: turismo.cmcv@gmail.com
 GPS: N39°24'55,92" O-07°27'20,08"

Archeology service
 Address: Rua 5 de Outubro, 21 -1º
 email: arqueocmcv@gmail.com
 GPS: N39°24'57,68" O-07°27'16,42"



distance	duration	type of trail	ascendant (accumulated)	descendent (accumulated)	elevation gap	elevation gap	implementation and maintenance
12,8km	4h.00min	circular	159m	197m	549m 142m	407m	degree of difficulty: III Algo difícil length: 12,8km duration: 4h.00 CMCV - Câmara Municipal de Castelo de Vide

legend :	
	Trail
	Start
	End
	Road
	Contour lines (Equidistance 50m)
	Railway
	Geodesic Landmark
	Natural patrimony
	Building patrimony
	View point
signposting:	
	Right way
	Wrong way
	Turn right
	Turn left

Recommendations:

- Avoid walking alone, and if possible, carry a mobile phone with you.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Please leave the gates closed.
- Some of the interest points are in private property. Please establish a cordial relation with the property-owner.
- Leave to trace / take your trash home.
- Keep all pets on leash.
- Camping and fires are prohibited.
- No motorized vehicles (except residents).
- No weapons, hunting or fishing.
- No digging, collecting or removing any natural or cultural resources.
- Do not shout.

