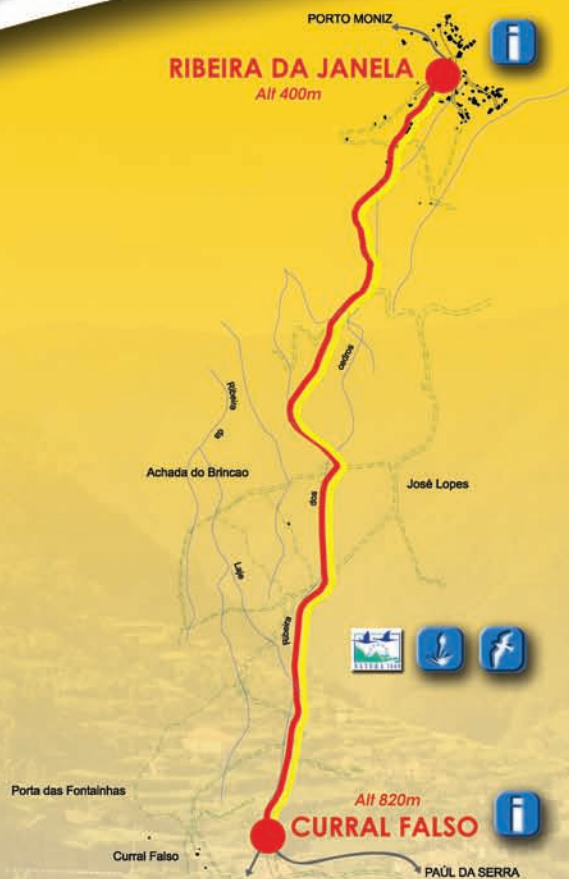


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## Vereda da Ribeira da Janela



### Legend

- Regional road
- Footpath
- Rural road
- Water course
- Stream
- House

- Information Point
- Natural Flora
- Fauna



Terraced farm plots



Vaccinium podifolium

### The Footpath

This route links the settlement of Ribeira da Janela and the forested area above it, running at elevations between 820 and 400 metres. It begins at regional highway 209, in the area of Curral Falso, and ends at the same highway in the settlement of Ribeira da Janela.

This path follows the remnants of an old footpath used by the inhabitants to bring wood from the forest, which was essential for their daily lives. It was also the path used by the inhabitants to connect them with settlements on the south side of the island, mainly Calheta and Ponta do Sol. Robust young men climbed the mountain slopes, their backs laden with barrels or goatskins filled with wine to be sold and/or traded for other goods.

At Ribeira da Janela you can come in contact with this traditional and unique agricultural area with its typical terraced farm plots, held in place by laboriously built stone walls, where sweet potatoes, potatoes, beans, maize and the indispensable vineyards of Ribeira da Janela are cultivated.

The houses are scattered among the terraces, from the mouth of the stream to an elevation of 400 metres, with the church located halfway up the slope. The settlement's name, Ribeira da Janela, comes from the name of Madeira's longest waterway, which runs about 15.7 km.

This is a good location for seeing the Madeira long-toed pigeon (*Columba trocaz*), an endemic bird exclusive to Madeira. During the migratory seasons, some migrating bird species may be seen in the mouth of Ribeira da Janela as they pass through: the little egret (*Egretta garzetta*), the purple heron (*Ardea purpurea*), and mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*).

This trail connects with PR 14 – Cedros Levada and PR 13 – Fanal Footpath, both of which lead to the area of Fanal.

## Description

Distance: 2.7Km  
Time: 1h 30m  
Highest point: 820 m  
Lowest point: 400 m  
Start: E.R. 209 (Curral Falso)  
Finish: Ribeira da Janela

## Contacts

Emergency number	112
Civil Protection	291700112
Buses (RODOESTE)	291220148
Taxis (Porto Moniz)	291852243

## Local Festivities

- Festa de Nossa Senhora da Encarnação at Ribeira da Janela (March)
- Festa do Santíssimo Sacramento at Ribeira da Janela (August)
- Agricultural and Cattle Fair (2nd weekend of July)
- Week of the Sea (End of July, beginning of August)
- Festa do Senhor at Ribeira da Janela (2nd Sunday of August)

## Handcrafts

Madeira Embroidery; Patchwork tapestries; Woollen garments.

## Field Code



## Walking Code

- Avoid noise or actions against nature.
- Do not take plants or animal with you.
- Do not throw rubbish away (issues do not easily decompose).
- Do not light fires.
- If you are a smoker do not throw cigarette ends on the floor, keep them for the dust-bin.
- Do not change or damage the signs.

## For your own safety ...

- Before starting out make sure you have update instructions on the route.
- Let someone else know where you're going and when you expect to return.
- Be sure to confirm the time it will take so that you can finish before nightfall.
- Take some extra food and water with you.
- Wear suitable clothes and shoes;
- If possible take a mobile phone with you;
- In case of heavy rain or strong winds do not go on and/or turn back using the same route.
- Don't take risks.

## Promotor



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