



GEOPARQUE
LITORAL DE
VIANA
DO CASTELO

A GEOPARK IS....

...a territorial area with clearly defined boundaries, which includes a notable geological heritage associated with a sustainable development strategy, based on three main components: geoconservation, geoeducation and geotourism .

THE ASPIRING VIANA DO CASTELO COASTAL GEOPARK...

...through its exceptional geological heritage inventoried, it shows the basic aspects of how the territory, which today is Viana do Castelo, has evolved over the last 500 million years, registering in its rocks various episodes as if it were a book.



MAIN STRATEGIC LINES

GEOTOURISM

The Geotourism strategy of the aspiring Geopark Coastal of Viana do Castelo aims to stimulate the creation of economic activities based on local geodiversity, involving the local community.

GEOEDUCATION

The aspiring Geopark Coastal of Viana do Castelo develops educational activities to promote the study of geosciences and the natural and cultural values of the territory in schools, as well as the general public, through the School Science and Research Support Network.

GEOCONSERVATION

The aspiring Geopark Coastal Viana do Castelo seeks to implement various geoconservation actions to safeguard the geological heritage of the region for future generations.



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ASPIRING VIANA DO CASTELO COASTAL GEOPARK

A place to travel back in time to discover the history of planet Earth over 500 million years ago and the intimate relationship between human beings and the environment.



A TERRITORY TO FEEL AND DISCOVER

319 km² of area

24 km of coast

13 Local Natural
Monuments

3 Geopark gateway
Neiva | Arga | Atlantic

3 Natura 2000 Network
sites

29 Pedestrian Routes

3 Equestrian Routes

+ 131 archaeological sites

+ 30 museums and
museum centers

Urban Ecological Park
(20 ha)

Camino de Santiago -
Portuguese Coastal Path

Pilgrimage Sra. d'Agonia

Temple of Sta. Luzia and
funicular

Nautical sports territory

Green wine production
territory (Loureiro)



Local Natural Monuments

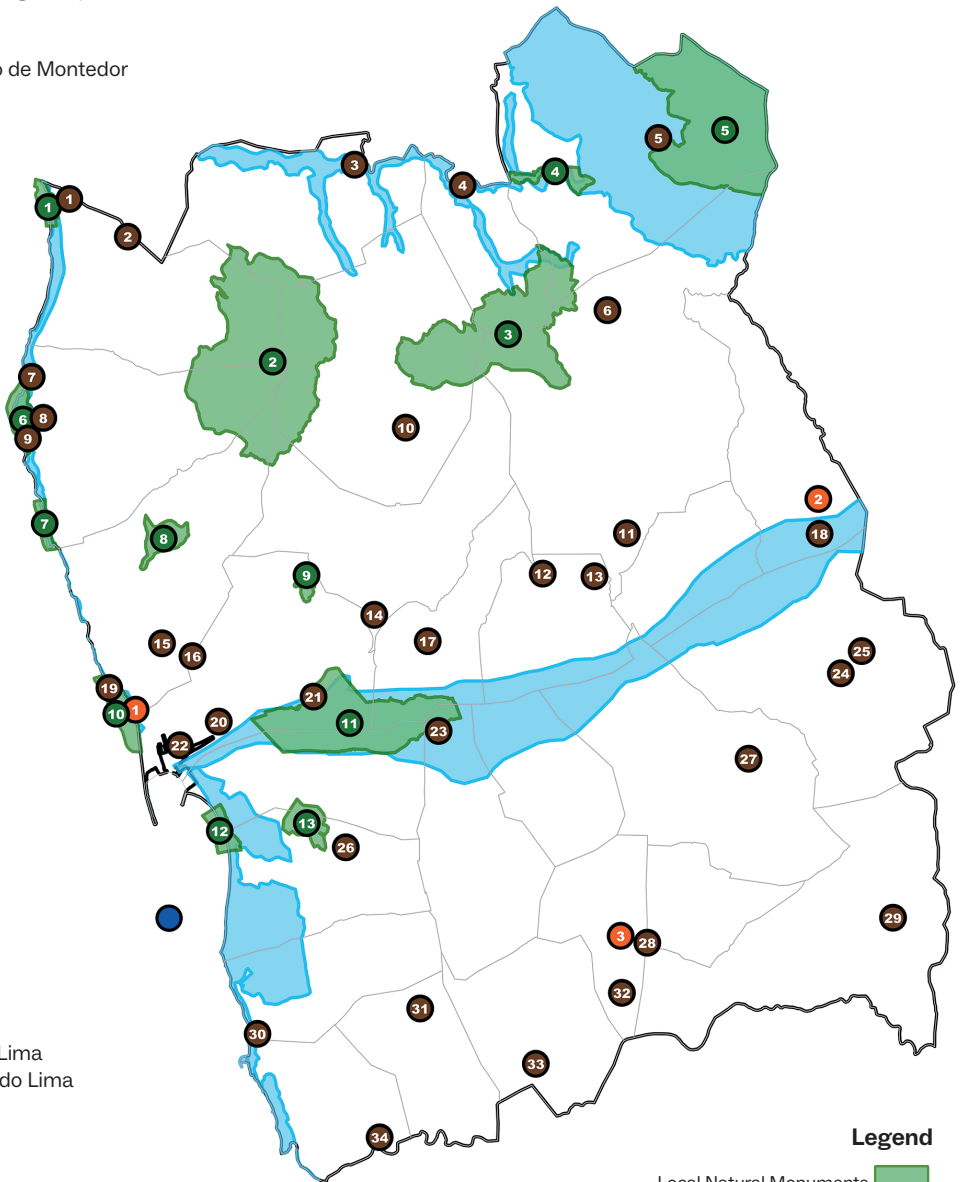
- 01 Granite Pavements of Gatenha
- 02 Granite Plateau of Chãs de Sta. Luzia
- 03 Quartzitic Ridges of Folgadoiro-Verdes Mining Camp
- 04 Ferida Má Cascades
- 05 Turf of Chãs de Arga
- 06 Cemetery of Ancient beaches of Alcantilado de Montedor
- 07 Magmatic drops of Canto Marinho
- 08 Poço Negro Cascades
- 09 Penedo Furado of Monte da Meadela
- 10 Rheic Remains in Pedras Ruivas
- 11 Insuas Fault
- 12 Eemian Beach of Ribeira de Anha
- 13 Climbing Dunes in Faro de Anha

Geopark Gateways

- 01 Atlantic Gateway
- 02 Arga Gateway
- 03 Neiva Gateway

Other point of natural and cultural interest

- 01 Tumulus of Eireira
- 02 Affe hillfort
- 03 Esturranha Lagoon
- 04 Roman bridge of Tourim
- 05 Village gate
- 06 Pereiro bridge waterfall
- 07 Paçô Fort
- 08 Montedor Lighthouse
- 09 Rock engravings of Fornelos
- 10 Granary
- 11 Romanesque Chapel of Saint Cláudio
- 12 São Silvestre hillfort
- 13 Rock engravings of Breia
- 14 Arco bridge
- 15 Arches of Fincão
- 16 Sta. Luzia Fortified Village and Cathedral
- 17 Santa Marta wayside cross
- 18 Green Park and Lima river bank
- 19 Areosa Fort
- 20 Praça da Rainha fountain
- 21 Argaçosa saltpans
- 22 Santiago da Barra Fort
- 23 Plains of São Simão
- 24 Parish Church of Santa Maria de Geraz do Lima
- 25 Parish Church of Santa Leocádia de Geraz do Lima
- 26 Penedos washing tank
- 27 Chapel of Sra. Do Crasto
- 28 Table of the three abbots
- 29 Maria Coxa boulder
- 30 Sargasso Haystacks
- 31 Benedictine Monastery
- 32 Inácio watermill
- 33 Telheiras ovens
- 34 Moldes hillfort



Legend

Local Natural Monuments

Natura 2000 Network

Geopark Gateways

Subaquatic Viana

Other points of natural and cultural interest



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