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Geo-histories of our places and people: Vilar Barroco

Golden Ark Legend

It is told that in the Vilar Barroco peak, can be found between the rocks a golden ark, hidden there by the Moorish.

Legend says that the person, who dreams three nights in a row with the place where the ark is hidden, goes there and dig to its depths without discouraging, he will most certainly find it.

As no one had that dream until today, the ark remains there waiting for someone to go and grab it, keeping such treasure.

collected by Daniel Gonçalves in 2013

Vilar Barroco is placed in the middle of the slope between the deep and twisting Casas da Zebreira Stream and the Muradal Mountain summit, more than 900m high. The place name Vilar alluded to the primary settlement, a “villar” (settlement) and Barroco is a description that alludes to the local topography. “Barranco” (ravine) is the synonym of a deep and narrow valley where occasionally runs a watercourse. However, it can also mean schist hill, cliff or abyss. Vilar Barroco rises itself in a schistose slope having in the top the gigantic Penha Grande, reaching 799m high. But the settlement of the great cliff does not stay behind. One of the highest points of the Muradal Mountain, the smooth, quartzitic summit of this Appalachian crest, where appear small rows of pine trees, is filled in the Spring with intense colours from the heather and the spach. In its turn, the highly steeper slopes show fierce cliffs and thick woods. At the back, runs the Casas da Zebreira Stream that beats the mountain, passing through it in a deep gorge where the geology encumbers in great faults and folds of very old, Variscan age. The “eyes” of Fervença and the Mosqueiro, where the water falls in a boom, through thick alder tree woods, show that the stream patient, erosive work is not yet completed. In a rushed descent to the Zêzere river, this stream has time to pass by the Borrallhal. In these schistose and apparently sterile slopes, copper was once explored. Around two hundred people worked here, remaining nowadays the silence and the wet adits only inhabited by bats and ore trolleys, lost between the rust of time. A place of archaeology and memory to discover.

Nothing is known about the origins of this territory settlement, Vilar Barroco. This was the one of Guidintesta, which D. Afonso Henriques gave to the Hospitallers, whose we may attribute the settlement foundation. Vilar Barroco was part of the ancient S. João Baptista de Cambas Priory, as well as many other neighbour villages of the Zêzere river or its affluent, nowadays inserted in parishes from the Oleiros Municipality. The parish of Vilar Barroco was separated from Cambas in 1726. Besides the Hermitage of S. Pedro, probably from medieval times, in the finals of the XIXth century could yet be found the Chapel of Bom Jesus, in Vilar Barroco, and the Chapel of Nossa Senhora da Estrela, in Malhadancha, which is stated to be founded by the Prior of Cambas, Pe. Manuel de Almeida, who died in 1734. Its tiny places follow the stream vitality: Vilar Barroco, Vilarinho, Póvoa de Cambas, Póvoa da Ribeira, Aziral, Malhadégua, Moledo and Borrallhal.



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All the villages and places that set Vilar Barroco gather a total of 114 inhabitants, in a territory of 23,59 km². Between schist and quartzite, Vilar Barroco and its villages show delicious details of the traditional architecture in their ovens, presses, mills and ditches. The future is to take advantage of its natural legacy, the depths of the Casas da Zebreira Stream, with its trout, Portuguese “Bogas” and “bordalos” fishes, its luxuriant vegetation and the clear water wells. Or the Muradal Mountain summits, which are a challenge for adventure and reach the eagle eyes. And then the almost deserted villages, where the tranquillity and the timeless daily routine are an increasingly valuable resource.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH



1-4 May – Tierra de Fuego again by the Geopark. The local associated partner Vila Fraga guided the 39 people Spanish group from Tierra de Fuego across the Geopark. They visited the Vultures Trail at Salvaterra do Extremo, the historical villages of Monsanto and Idanha-a-Velha, the Gardunha mountain and the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia.

1-3 May – Templar Monsanto. Historical recreations, parades, dinners and medieval shows were the ingredients of Monsanto's return, in the municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, to Templar village times, in the festivities of the Divine Holy Cross. Properly decorated with flags, banners and medieval characters, the streets and squares from the historical village invited thousands of visitors for a trip through time, in a weekend full of colour, entertainment and regional products. Those were days and nights of celebration that allowed the tourists of many different nationalities to “enjoy a village plenty of history, of great heritage richness and full of life”, referred in Monsanto the Mayor of the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality and Chairman of Naturtejo, Armindo Jacinto.

The mayor spoke little before participating in a royal parade through the borough streets, one of the many historical recreations hosted in this event by the Theatre Company Viv'Arte. This group and collaborators acting, specialized in bringing to the present days past pieces and traditions, amused the visitors with street parades, archery proving, weapon tournaments and falconry shows.

In the so called "most Portuguese Village of Portugal" was place for religious and popular traditions of the Divine Holy Cross. On Sunday took place the ritual of throwing the whitewashed pot, ornamented with wildflowers, referring to the castle siege legend. The Divine Holy Cross Festivity was a joint organization between the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova and the Parish Union of Monsanto and Idanha-a-Velha, promoted by the Historical Villages of Portugal and Naturtejo Geopark, being co-financed by the QREN, through the Regional Development European Fund.

2-3 May – Fashion Madrid brings the first group of Chinese tourists to visit the Geopark. A short trip to the Geopark by 14 Chinese visitors was guided by the partner outdoor company Ponsulativo for the Spanish operator Fashion Madrid. They visited the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and the Inselberg of Monsanto with the historical village.



5 May – Tourism and Environment Class in the International Appalachian Trail of Muradal. About 22 students and one teacher from the 11th grade of the local school of Oleiros walked by the Muradal mountain together with Carlos Neto de Carvalho to learn more about the ongoing work in the new tourism and educational trail. They looked for the Portelo fossils, learn about local flora and the history of the area, and were amazed by the views.



7,8,13,27 May – BioGeodiversity at the Erges Gorge for pupils. Took part in this activity 15 pupils followed by 2 educators and 1 educational assistant of the Zebreira kindergarten; 15 pupils from the Santa Casa da Misericórdia kindergarten of Idanha-a-Nova followed by 1 educator and one assistant; 14 pupils from the Penha Garcia kindergarten and from Termas de Monfortinho kindergarten followed by 2 educators and three educational assistants; 25 pupils from the Idanha-a-Nova kindergarten followed by the educator and two assistants. They visited the Biodiversity Interpretative Centre “Lands of Idanha” and made some edutainment activities related to the bio and geodiversity of the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality. The monitor was Hugo Oliveira. Afterwards, the students went to know the entrepreneurial project “Scents of Valado” where they could watch all the processes that plants pass through, since the planting to the production of, for example, soaps and shampoos in a biological and handmade way, from them.

9-10 May – Visiting the Geopark. The outdoor company partner Actigeo guided 12 tourists across the Geopark. They visited Monsanto. The village of Monsanto provides a unique experience for those who visit it. Rises itself atop of the Monsanto granitic Inselberg, going down through narrow and winding streets to the foothill. Besides the splendid granite houses, are highlighted as touristic attractivs the Templar Castle, the Mercy Church, the Tower of Lucano and the Romanesque Church of S. Miguel. They also relaxed in Termas de Monfortinho. The thermal waters that sprout here are a source of health and well-being, providing a harmonious and relaxing experience. On the next day the visit continued through Penha Garcia, in the Ichnological Park where they discovered the testimonies left by Trilobites in this valley which, until 500 million years ago, was an ocean full of biodiversity. Afterwards they left to Proença-a-Velha where they pass through the Olive Oil Pole Presses of Proença-a-Velha. Here they learned the technics and traditional technologies of the olive production, so typical in the Mediterranean diet and so well recognized throughout the world by its high quality. There was still time to stroll by the Festival of Soups.



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10-11 May – Festival of Traditional Soups of Proença-a-Velha with a new record. The XIIth Festival of Traditional Soups gathered during the weekend in Proença-a-Velha a total of 113 soups, in an edition that once again broke the national record with one more participant compared to the last year. There were consumed thousands of litres of soup by the many visitors who took advantage of the nice weather to enjoy the gastronomy of the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality. Particulars, institutions and restoration of the entire region put to the test their culinary abilities in the best local soup contest. The biggest representation fell to the parish of Proença-a-Velha which, in this edition, presented 56 soups for contest.

The gastronomic and cultural value of the traditional recipes and the strong participation of the local community were the stressed aspects by this event organization. The Mayor of the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality, Armindo Jacinto, mentioned that the soup “is one of the most appreciated dishes by the Portuguese people”, which are among the biggest fruit and vegetable consumers per capita. The reason, argued the mayor and chairman of Naturtejo, resides in the great quality and diversity of the recipes. By the other hand, the mayor of Proença-a-Velha parish, Helena Silva, stressed that the festival is already firmly rooted among the village population. “It is a festival which, since the beginning, was made by the people and for the people. It kept growing and nowadays I proudly say that this is the biggest soup festival of all the country, with more than a hundred participations”, affirmed Helena Silva. The XIIth Festival of Traditional Soups matched with the XIIth Encounter of Accordionists and Concertina Players, which brought to the festival square the finest traditional entertainment. The fair yet allowed the promotion of the territory and the enhancement of the local economy, counting with the presence of dozens of regional producers.

11 May – 22 years running the ramp of Senhora da Graça. In the 22nd edition of this most important running competition in the region more than 100 participants climbed the Ponsul Fault Scarp geomonument to reach the town of Idanha-a-Nova. This fast moving event was once again organized by the Sport Office of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova with the support of Naturtejo Geopark.



14 May – Collaboration in the Project “The small Botanists”. The Primary School of Idanha-a-Nova is developing the project “The Small Botanists”, whose final product is the bar-shaped shampoo similar with the local music instrument “Adufe”. This project is being developed in the scope of the 11th edition of the Foundation Ilídio Pinho Prize “Science at School”, under the thematic “Science and Technology for the Natural Resources Profitability”. The proposal consisted in taking advantage of some autochthonous plants properties of the Idanha-a-Nova municipality, mainly the rosemary, for the bar-shaped shampoo confection. This shampoo was developed in partnership with the local enterprise “Scents of Valado” and will be commercialized, supported by the Idanha-a-Nova municipality, becoming part of the product range “Lands of Idanha”, the Municipality registered trademark. Meanwhile, “The Small Botanists” was already considered meritorious in the 1st evaluation phase, by the Ilídio Pinho Foundation.

This project also hosted the workshop “Undertake in the Rural World”, several field activities, planting autochthonous species in the school labs. The Educational Service of the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality and the Naturtejo Geopark were also partners in this project, hosting two activities: the construction of a “Herbarium for the plants of the bar-shaped shampoo” intended for the students of 6 classes (A, B, C, D, E and F) from the Primary School of Idanha-a-Nova, followed by 6 professors and the observation, by binocular lens, of the constituent parts of 2 plants (rosemary and lavender) used in the shampoo intended for 26 students of the class D (3rd Grade), followed by their teacher. These two activities were energized by Hugo Oliveira and Manuela Catana.



15 May – 21 June – Festival of the Landscape: celebrating the Geoparks across Europe. The celebration of a month dedicated to landscape, local culture, environmental sustainability, heritage and land products gathers, once more the municipalities integrating the Naturtejo Geopark, under the UNESCO seal. The Festival of the Landscape intends to agglutinate some of the best local initiatives in a diversified program that covers Castelo Branco, Idanha-a-Nova, Nisa, Oleiros, Proença-a-Nova and Vila Velha de Ródão, as a single territory that offers innovative and well-structured experiences. Many are the entities that take part every year in this smart and sustainable program, unique in the region, of territorial promotion, in Portugal and in the international touristic markets. On the 2014 edition, the traditional flavours are highlighted. The 1st Gastronomic Festival “Flavours of the River” hosted by the Santana Parish, in Nisa, has no lack of flavours, land products and the discovery of the heritage close to the Tagus River. The Cherry Festival in Montes da Senhora includes a touristic tour through the municipality of Proença-a-Nova and the parade of traditional costumes made from recycled materials, in Sobreira Formosa. The Lamb Festival in Rosmaninhal is already a regional reference that attracts lots of crowd to this borderland locality to promote the thousand and one ways of cooking the certified regional lamb. The pedestrian trails and the thematic tours are already a reference in the Festival of the Landscape. Through enormous mountains is emphasized the Orvalho GeoTrail as a reference for hiking, but also the Trails of Estreito through the Great Route of the Muradal-Pangea. Equally appealing are the proposals in Vale de Souto, Madeirã and Isna, in Oleiros, and Espinho Grande, in Proença-a-Nova. In the thematic tours is highlighted the Diabolic Path made through the break of dawn in Monsanto, promising tons of magic. And the Crag is ours. Stones with identity, an initiative in Castelo Branco made from a project developed by Naturtejo for the city. Several are the educational programs having as targets the regional schools, schools of other regions and Spanish schools, as well as universities. The highlight of this scope goes to the children's theatre “Ores” hosted in Idanha-a-Nova and the Festival of the Environment in Vila Velha de Ródão, in partnership with the National Commission of UNESCO and the Portuguese Geoparks Forum. The Festival of the Landscape 2014 closes hosting the 1st National Congress of Rural Tourism, under the subject “Tourism, Territory and Heritage”, which will occur in Oleiros on 20 and 21 of June, but it develops, decentralizing and multiplying itself in several initiatives, on a national scale, from 15 May with the regional meeting of Rural Tourism, hosted with the support of regional entities: Tourism of Oporto and North of Portugal and Algarve, in Viana do Castelo and Loulé, respectively.



15 May – School trip for the local school from Nisa. The field trip “The Gates of Ródão Natural Monument and the Fossil Trunks of Vila Velha de Ródão” was intended for students of the School of Nisa Grouping. This activity occurred in the scope of Biology and Geology classes, of the 10th Grade. Took part in this activity 26 students followed by two teachers and the monitors were Hugo Oliveira and Manuela Catana.



16 May – Decree establishes Serra da Gardunha as Protected Landscape. It was published in Diário da República the Notification nº 6151/2014 referring to the regulation of the Regional Protected Landscape of Gardunha Mountain. This work developed by the municipalities of Castelo Branco and Fundão aims for the valuation of the important natural granitic and rural landscape of the Gardunha Mountain, in an area partially integrated in Naturtejo Geopark of the Meridional Meseta. Thus, eight of the Geopark's geosites became part of this protected area, two of them being protected previously as Landed Property of Municipal Interest, a process developed in 2005. After the controversy concerning the enlargement of the Gardunha Mountain Wind Farm in the Mountain summit, which never was achieved, the Protected Landscape aims to protect the natural space and the valuation of rural areas, paths and tracks, through the existence of pedestrian trails, Mountain Bike tracks and themed events that improve this region's knowledge, the heritage disclosure and the local products commercialization.



16-18 May – GEOPARK in Paris: Paris Expo Porte de Versailles. Naturtejo Geopark was present for the first time ever in the Hall of Real Estate and Tourism of Paris, which occurred in Paris Expo Porte de Versailles where were gathered touristic and real estate promoters. This fair is hosted by the French-Portuguese Council of Trade and Industry and counted with 130 exhibitors, having been the biggest Portuguese trade show ever hosted in the French capital intended for the French and Portuguese speaking public interested in investing in Portugal. This Portuguese territory, under the UNESCO seal, participated with an 18 metres squared stand where was promoted the Global Geoparks Network, as well as its products and ground-breaking and sustainable destinations. In a time that geotourism grows as a distinctive and socially responsible segment, Naturtejo Geopark has established itself in the construction of innovative and creative strategies for responsible development in a region where natural and human resources abound.

16-18 May – Tour by the Historical Villages. The partner company Actigeo guided a touristic program to the historical villages in the Geopark for 10 people. By the Boulders Trail in Monsanto they visited the typical granite houses, the Tower of Lucano that displays the Silver Rooster, awarded prize in 1938 to Monsanto as the most Portuguese Village of Portugal, the Castle, the Chapel of S. Miguel, the medieval tombs and the geodiversity in the slab of 13 Bowls and in the Jointed Rocks. Afterwards, they travelled to the historical village of Idanha-a-Velha (ancient Roman city), through a quiet walk on foot passing by the Cathedral, Olive Oil Pole Press, Roman Bridge, Templar Tower and the Roman Wall. Finally, they visited the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia, passing by the Palaeozoic Museum, Castle, Ichnological Park (fossils) and the Wind Mills Complex.

17 May – Cherry Tour in Proença-a-Nova. The Municipality of Proença-a-Nova organized a fam trip under the main subject of the cherry for a full day visiting some of the most important sites in the area: the Forest Living Science Centre, the Hall of the painter Ribeiro Farinha, the Cherry Festival and the Couca River Beach Party.

17 May – Fashion parade of traditional costumes made of recycled material. The local middle and high school, the village of Sobreira Formosa and the Municipality of Proença-a-Nova organized a fashion parade of traditional costumes made of recycled material to promote recycling and to provide fun to the community of Sobreira Formosa.

17-18 May – The Cherry Festival in Montes da Senhora. Once again the village of Montes da Senhora organized the most important Cherry Festival in the territory of the Geopark. Taverns, conferences, workshop and a thematic mountain bike tour across the cherry fields helped to sell 2 tons of cherries in just two days. The organization was the Association of Friends of Montes da Senhora and the Group of Dancers and Singers from Montes, together with the Municipality of Proença-a-Nova.

18 May – Trekking in Espinho Grande. The popular expression “Gardener May fills the barn” brought dozens of participants to the small village of Espinho Grande for a nice walk followed by a joyful lunch in a very rural and friendly environment.



20 May – Second field trip under the Rivers Project. Eight students followed by a teacher of the Professional School of Idanha-a-Nova came to the Ponsul river, to the 500 metres section adopted by them – located in Sr.^a da Graça - Tourinhos, to proceed with the monitoring of species of living creatures, rock types and water qualities and properties. During this visit the students could collect images for the photography contest promoted in the scope of the project “Rivers” and shows four categories: Fauna; Flora; Geodiversity; Human presence. The monitors were the responsible for the project and Hugo Oliveira.



20-21 May – University of Lisbon in the Geopark. Around 30 students and teachers from the classes of Regional Planning and Environmental Impacts and Environment, Exploration and Subterranean Hydric Resources of the 4th year under the Graduation in Applied Geology and Environment, and the Master Degree in Geology, Environment, Geological Risks and Regional Planning in the Science Faculty of the University of Lisbon used Naturtejo Geopark as lab for two days. They were followed close by Carlos Neto de Carvalho, Joana Rodrigues and the new geologist cooperating with Naturtejo Geopark, Mariana Vilas Boas. They started by visiting the Gates of Rodão Natural Monument, having an input made by a Vila Velha de Ródão Municipality head, Jorge Gouveia, who was the coordinator for the application of the Portas de Ródão national Natural Monument. Afterwards, they headed to Termas de Monfortinho where they had an exclusive visit to the facilities and boreholes made by the thermal director, Pedro Próspero. Finally, and always harassed by the rain during these two days, students and teachers adventured themselves into the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia, analysing physical and biogenic sedimentary structures, and marvelled with the famous Cruziana of Penha Garcia. On the next day, they had a guided tour to the Stonemason Museum in Alcains and had a close look to the work of a granite transformation factory, as well as the challenges that the sector comes through in the region, by the Engineer Vitor Marujo, from the Company Manuel Martins Marujo, lda. The afternoon was kept for a long visit to Segura and its new Interpretation Centre “Lands of Idanha”. With the field support of the professors Isabel Margarida Antunes and Teresa Albuquerque, geologists from the Polytechnic Institute of Castelo Branco, they explored the Geomonument of Fragas de Segura, as well as the environmental impacts caused by the mining exploration in Segura in the past.



26,27 May – Intensive training course for tourist guides in the Geopark. Ongoing training is essential to a geopark, providing knowledge to local guides, tradesman and collaborators of Naturtejo the significant heritages such as resources and touristic potentials, its accessibilities, equipment and infrastructures, providing a more solid vision of the area, which has been serving them as groundwork. With new touristic companies settling in, it is essential to offer them a consistent and standardising basis on what is a geopark and what distinguish it in the touristic context. So, starting in the month of April, takes place a new, continuous and practical trainee process in the field, coordinated by Carlos Neto de Carvalho, in which the participants are taken to experiencing the sites. In May took place trainings in the Natural Park of the International Tagus and in Penha Garcia.



26 May – School trip for Spanish between the Ichnological Park and the Giant Boulders. This field trip took place on the scope of a project in which students from Dulce Chacón College, of Cáceres, Spain, participated: Proyecto "La raya/a raia en torno al Tajo/Tejo". The participants were 43 5th grade students followed by 4 professors. The monitors were Hugo Oliveira and Manuela Catana.



28 May – Transboundary tourism experiences. On the scope of the transboundary project “Taejo Internacional II” took place in Alcántara the seminar “Transboundary Tourism Experiences within the Project Taejo Internacional” that gathered Portuguese and Spanish businessmen and promoters from the area having as goal to create experiences based in the main resources and singularities, in order to create transboundary activities for the visitors. Joana Rodrigues represented Naturtejo Geopark, and was attended by the Geo-Resort Oven House of Salvaterra do Extremo and municipalities from the Geopark.



28-29 May – The play “Ores” brings children to the mine environment. This stage play appears under the thematic of the roadshow that passed through several parishes from the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality “When We Went for Ore...”. The Stage Play “Ores” was presented by the Cultural Association “Fugir do Medo (Running from Fear)”, within the scope of the Project “Fauna”. The play took place with the audience sat in the middle of the stage, inside a “tent” with the shape of a mine adit. In the auditorium foyer was set up an exhibit called “When the sky is the ground that we step” also visited by students and teachers. Participated 17 students from the class B (2nd Grade), 19 students from the class F (4th Grade), 23 students from the class C (2nd + 3rd Grade), 25 students from the class D (3rd Grade) and 17 students from the class E (2rd + 4th Grade), followed by 5 professors.



29 May – Fieldtrip visit to remember Fernando Namora. Within the scope of 20 years of twinning between Idanha-a-Nova and Condeixa-a-Nova, 18 students and 2 professors from the Professional Course of Tourism Technician of the High School of Fernando Namora in Condeixa-a-Nova visited Naturtejo Geopark. The monitor of this group was Joana Rodrigues and the visit started in Vila Velha de Ródão with an introduction of the Geopark concept and the global trademark Global Geopark under UNESCO auspices, having been addressed the issues of Geotourism, Sustainable Development and Local Development. The students, upcoming tourism technicians visited the Gates of Rodão viewpoint and discussed landscape interpretation techniques, using the Vila Velha de Ródão example. Was followed the trip to Monsanto with a tour through the Boulders Trail where they became acquainted with the approved signposting for the pedestrian trails. The teachers and their students paid the homage to Fernando Namora, great writer born in Condeixa-a-Nova who lived for a short period in Monsanto and practised medicine in the village. The educational program ended in Penha Garcia with a walk through the village center and a visit to the viewpoint, overlooking the Ponsul valley and the Ichnological Park.

30 May – 9th Orvalho GeoTrail takes hikers towards the sky. More than 350 participants were in the 9th edition of the Orvalho GeoTrail, which is the main pedestrian event in Naturtejo Geopark. The registration ended long time before, due to a reduction made in the past few years by cargo capacity measures during the trail. Hikers from all the country were surprised with the landscape hugeness, with the Fraga da Água d'Alta green colours and with the sympathy of Orvalho's town folks. At the end, right in the middle of the mountainous landscape of Muradal Mountain, in the heights of Cabeço Mosqueiro, was a medieval supper, staging and lots of entertainment.

31 May – 1 June – Festival of the Lamb in Rosmaninhal. The lamb was “king” this weekend in Rosmaninhal, municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, in a festival where several hundreds of people could taste the traditional cooking of five Mediterranean countries.

Moussaka (Greece), lamb with cuscuz (Morocco), lamb “caldeireta” (Spain) and kosher lamb stew (Israel) were some of the event gastronomic proposals, prepared by several kitchen chefs. But, being Rosmaninhal a land with great tradition in this product confection, the regional cooking also shined in some dishes like the lamb stew and the grilled lamb.

Hosted by the Idanha-a-Nova Municipality and the Rosmaninhal Parish, with support from Naturtejo Geopark, the VII Festival of the Lamb took place in a square full of colours, scents and flavours. There, was celebrated the tradition of this municipality in the transhumance, herding and cattle breeding, through a set of cultural and musical entertainment activities.

In the festival, the Mayor of Idanha-a-Nova Municipality and chairman of Naturtejo, Armindo Jacinto, stressed the importance of “promoting the lamb in the region, in particular after the Mediterranean diet, where this product has a prominent space, being classified as Intangible Heritage of Humanity, by UNESCO”. The aim of the organization is to keep disclosing the renowned local Merino lamb. Its promotion next to hotel trade and restoration nationwide will allow, according to Armindo Jacinto, reinforce the integration of this “product of excellency” in the Portuguese diet. For the mayor of Rosmaninhal Parish, Joaquim Chambino, the festival “exceeded all the expectations”. “All of what has been consumed here comes from Rosmaninhal”, referred Joaquim Chambino, who praised the local population commitment in the event organization and in the confection of regional traditional dishes. The gastronomic coordination fell to Chief António Sequeira, from the Superior School of Hotel Trade and Tourism of Estoril, leading a team in which cooperate some students and professors from the degree of Touristic Management and Hotel Trade Management from the Superior Management School of Idanha-a-Nova.

On the Sunday morning took place two walks, one on foot and one by horse, both very attended.



IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA

TV & RADIO

- 10 May (RTVE National Spanish TV) – Agrosfera – Rural territory: Naturtejo
- 15 May (Condestável Radio) – Festival of the Landscape in the Geopark territory
- 18 May (Monsanto Radio Club) – Idanha-a-Nova municipality regrets the death of Adolf Seilacher

Newspapers & www

- May (Ensino Magazine) – The fossils from Penha Garcia and the Boulders of Monsanto
- May (Evasões) – International Tagus moving with the flow
- May (O Concelho de Vila Velha de Ródão) – Açafa Online
- May (Raiano) – Thousands of visitors in the celebration of the Divine Holy Cross
- 6 May (Povo da Beira) – The most important Soups Festival is back to Proença-a-Velha
- 6 May (Povo da Beira) – Thousands of visitors in the celebration of the Divine Holy Cross
- 6 May (Povo da Beira) – VI TTransGeopark is already a national reference for the environmental offroad
- 6 May (Povo da Beira) – Science Fair attracted 500 visitors
- 7 May (Gazeta do Interior) – Soups for all tastes in Proença-a-Velha
- 7 May (Gazeta do Interior) – Celebration of the Divine Holy Cross attracts thousands to Monsanto
- 8 May (Reconquista) - TTransgeopark is already a reference – Environmental offroad in region branded by Unesco
- 12 May (www.jornaldenisa.blogspot.pt) – Festival of the Landscape 2014
- 12 May (www.terraalentejana.blogspot.pt) – Festival of the Landscape 2014
- 13 May (Povo da Beira) – Orvalho GeoTrail on 31 May
- 13 May (Povo da Beira) – Estreito Trails across the Muradal mountain
- 14 May (Gazeta do Interior) – Soups Festival of Proença-a-Velha sums participants record
- 15 May (Reconquista) - In Naturtejo Geopark – Here is the Festival of the Landscape



IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA

- 5 May (Reconquista) – Orvalho GeoTrail on the 31st
- 19 May (Diário Digital de Castelo Branco) – Idanha-a-Nova: municipality sensitized with the lost of Adolf Seilacher
- 20 May (Povo da Beira) - Idanha-a-Nova sensitized with the lost of Adolf Seilacher
- 21 May (Gazeta do Interior) – The Lamb Festival returns to Rosmaninhal
- 21 May (Gazeta do Interior) – Idanha Council offers its condolences for the death of Adolf Seilacher
- 21 May (Gazeta do Interior) – Festival of the Landscape animates Naturtejo Geopark
- 22 May (Reconquista's cover page) – Gardunha is protected landscape
- 22 May (Reconquista) – Açafa on line already available
- 22 May (Reconquista) – The one thousand and one tastes of the borderland lamb
- 22 May (Reconquista) – German geologist bewailed at Idanha-a-Nova
- 22 May (Reconquista) – Oleiros is capital of the rural tourism
- 29 May (Reconquista) – Lamb joins flavors of 5 countries
- 29 May (Reconquista) – Festival sells two thousand kilos of cherry
- 29 May (Reconquista) – Orvalho's GeoTrail
- 29 May (Reconquista) – Walk by the schist

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- Data da visita | 15 de Junho de 2014
- Dificuldade do percurso | Médio
- Tipo de passeio | Visita guiada, 3,5 km
- Ponto de encontro / Início | Capela de S. Pedro de Vila-Corça, às 19h00
- GPS: 40° 21' N; 7° 17' W
- Data limite de inscrição | 12 de Junho de 2014 até às 18h00
- Nº e limite de inscrições | 50 inscrições
- Valor da inscrição | 6,00 € (preço apenas, seguro e transporte-almôoco). A inscrição terá de ser feita em numerário.
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IDANHA-A-NOVA - 11 de Maio de 2014 - 10H30

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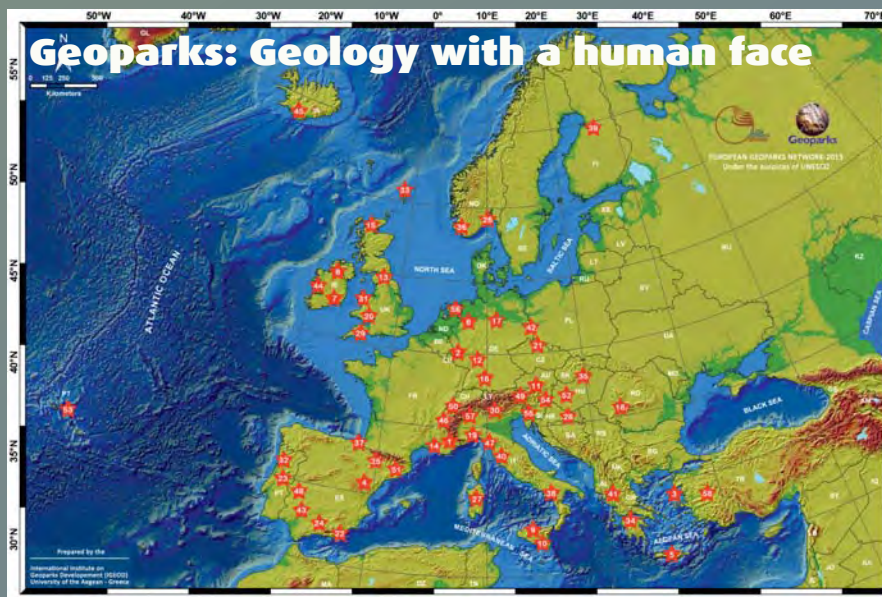
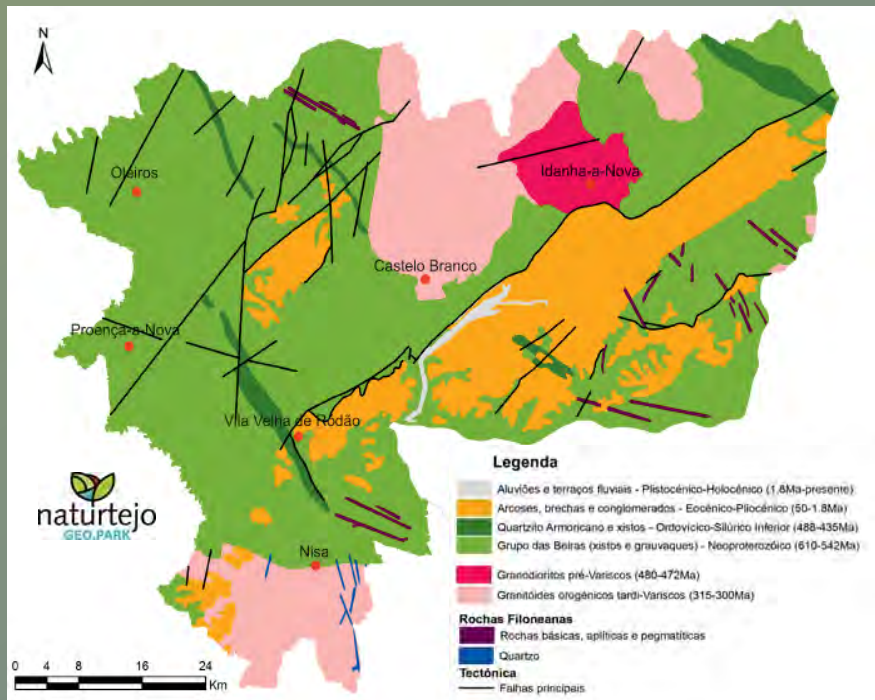
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