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GEO-stories of our places and people: Aldeia do Bispo

Aldeia do Bispo é probably the smallest parish of all in Naturtejo Geopark – UNESCO Global Geopark. The big village, with 676 inhabitants, as well as the surrounding agricultural fields around the wide valley of Raivosa Stream, in the plan of the Meseta, take nearly all its 6,51 km2. It is a granite land seen in the traditional architecture of the houses with balconies, the oldest of them from the 17th century. To the south and the eastern end of the village, the granites of Monsanto-Penamacor rise suddenly to 510 meters high at the Serra foothills, leaving the fertile soils and covering up with broom bushes and small woods of oak and Holm oak trees. Here the mountain splits in two parts: the East side controlled by the fault parallel to the Mato Stream, with steep slopes peaked by granitic geoforms with extraordinary volumetry; the West side, with slightly eroded slopes, traces of pedunculated boulders and other small angular shapes. The trail to Cancelo Fountain follows a fractured valley of NNE-SSW orientation, extending towards South by the Mato Stream. The occupation of these soils is ancient, the archaeological station of Lameira Larga dates back to the Roman period. The ancient Watchtower installed in the small Cabeço da Brigadeira is also very old.

Only 7km from Penamacor and a dozen kilometres from the border, tourism hasn't yet emerged in Aldeia do Bispo. However, there is a growing foreign community who is settling here, due to generous hosting, healthy environment and the possibilities to use the land. The density of rural roads is amazing and allows you to walk the whole perimeter of the parish. The Serra is perfect for guiding circuits and mountain bike trails, with perfect views over Serra da Estrela and Monsanto. The surrounding of Aldeia do Bispo is dotted with small gardens arranged with care, where abound the wells indicating the abundance of water at shallow depths. In this sunny village tucked away in the mountains, there are no lack of reasons to stay.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES





13 February - INTERREG Danube GEOTOUR Project Meeting at Bakony-Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark. UNESCO Global Geoparks from Bakony-Balaton, in Hungary, Papuk, in Croatia, Einsewurzen, in Austria, Karawanken-Karavanke, in the border between Austria and Slovenia, Idrija in Slovenia and Hateg, in Romania, as well as National Parks Iron Mountains, in Czech Republic and Djerdap, in Servia, all met at Vezsprem, in the heart of Bakony-Balaton Geopark. This meeting took place within the framework of the INTERREG Danube Geotour Project, and Naturtejo Geopark, as strategic partner, was represented by Carlos Neto de Carvalho. The presence of the Scientific Coordinator of the Portuguese Geopark was needed in order to organize the logistics and the activities to be carried out during the ITB-international tourism fair in Berlin, which will take place early next month.



14 February – Workshop "What are Trilobites?" and Field Trip "The Trilobites and Cruziana in the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia". The educational programme was prepared to children from the Kindergarten and the Elementary School of Penha Garcia. The workshop took place in the classroom, attended by 7 children from the kindergarten and 17 from elementary school and their teachers. Here pupils watched an animation on the fascinating marine animals, the Trilobites, whose marks or ichnofossils they could watch in the afternoon, during the field trip to the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia, close to their school, about 10 minutes walking.

Also during the morning, each pupil made a replica of a trilobite in modelling dough and all tasted "Trilobite" cookies, Geoproducts from Geocakes, a partner company of Naturtejo Geopark. Such a Trilobite Day! The teachers asked for this activity before Carnival, so that students could disguise as Trilobites during the Carnival Parade, three weeks later, and so they would become acquainted with the Trilobites and the value natural heritage around the school. The masks and clothes will be made by students supported by their teachers and assistants. Manuela Catana boosted this activity.

15 February - First Meeting of the Advisory Council for the Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve Tejo/Tajo. The Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve Tejo/Tajo International, in the framework of the Man and Biosphere Programme of UNESCO, was created in 2016 and covers 428.000ha shared between Portugal and Spain. Its creation is justified with the high degree of fauna, flora and landscape conservation, as well as cultural and ethnographic heritage values, in a rural area sustainable development promoter.

In order to undertake a new dynamic action for the effective implementation of cross-border biosphere reserve Tejo/Tajo international, the Institute for Nature and Forest Conservation, responsible for its management, constituted an Advisory Council, with local intervention agents, of which the Naturtejo Geopark, UNESCO Global Geopark is part. The first meeting was dedicated to discuss and approve the Regulation to guide the action in Portuguese territory and to create sectorial working groups in order to present an Activity Plan for 2019/2020. Naturtejo Geopark was represented by Joana Rodrigues. With the approval of the Advisory Council and Manage Council, the Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve Tejo/Tajo International was formally established.



22 to 24 February - Participation at International Birdwatching Fair - FIO 2019. Naturtejo Geopark participated along with Tourism Centre of Portugal in FIO, in the National Park of Monfragüe (Spain) and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, in a Fair dedicated to birdwatching. Jorge Costa represented Naturtejo Geopark.



24 February – Touristic Programme in Naturtejo. The Spanish Tour operator Delfinex Viajes from Malpartida de Plasencia brought a group of 30 Spanish tourists to visit Monsanto and Penha Garcia. The group was accompanied by Geolife Tours.

27 February – Field Trip to prepare the final phase of the Annual Project "Know Your Naturtejo Geopark".

This field trip aimed to make recognition of places to select and include in the field trip in Vila Velha de Ródão, as final phase of the Educational Annual Project Anim'a Rocha "Know Your Naturtejo Geopark". This project has a multidisciplinary approach, involving several subjects and is integrated in the subject Citizenship and Development, part of the NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION, in the mandatory fields of Environmental Education and Sustainable Development. This project, by addressing Nature interpretation and conservation (Biodiversity and Geodiversity) is also part of the Eco-Schools Programme. Three 7th grade classes from the School Group José Silvestre Ribeiro in Idanha-a-Nova participated in this project. Students will visit several geosites and sites of archaeological interest of Naturtejo Geopark, in Vila Velha de Ródão, and shall present to colleagues the natural and historical-cultural heritage values using existing educational resources previously developed in classroom supported by the teachers. The field trip, as the highest step of the project is organized by the Educational Service of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova in partnership with the School Group José Silvestre Ribeiro and the Educational Service of Naturtejo Geopark - UNESCO World Geopark. Manuela Catana joined the teacher Elsa Cantinhas during the preparatory field trip.





TV & Radio

15 February (Radio Castelo Branco) – Naturtejo Geopark attended the 6th Partner Meeting of the ESTEAM Project in Norway

Newspapers & www

February (Raiano) – Naturtejo Geopark attended the 6th Partner Meeting of the ESTEAM Project in Norway

7 February (Reconquista) –Barrocal Park opens this year

7 February (Reconquista) –Naturtejo Geopark travelled to Norway

13 February (Di<mark>ári</mark>o Digital de Caste<mark>lo</mark> Branco) – Naturtejo Geopark attended the 6th Partner Meeting of the ESTEAM Project in Norway

13 February (www.gbc.gi) – Neanderthal footprints discovered in the dunes above Catalan Bay

13 February (JN) – Discovered the second Neanderthal footprint in the world

13 February (www.sciencedaily.com) – Neanderthal footprints discovered in Gibraltar

13 February (www.rtve.es) – Neanderthal footprint with 29.000 year-old discovered in Gibraltar

13 February (Telegraph) – Footprint of one of the last Neanderthals discovered in Gibraltar

13 February (www.dailymail.co.uk) – Where the last Neanderthals walked: researchers discover 29,000 year-old footprint in Gibraltar linked to human ancestor

13 February (www.tribuna.com.mx) – The second Neanderthal footprint in the world is discovered in Gibraltar

14 February (El Dia) – Discovered the second Neanderthal footprint in the world

14 February (www.ihistoriarte.com) – Discovered in Gibraltar the footprint of the first Neanderthal

14 February (Correio da Manhã) – Discovered in Gibraltar the second Neanderthal footprint in the world

14 February (www.archaeology.org) – Possible Neanderthal footprint discovered in Gibraltar

15 February (Scientific American) – Is this the footprint of one of the last Neanderthals?

15 February (www.earth.com) – Possible Neanderthal footprint found in the dunes of Gibraltar

18 February (www.sciencealert.com) – This footprint on Gibraltar could have been made by one of the last Neanderthals

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Quarta-feira, 13 de Março

15h00 - Animação medieval e degustação de produtos de Idanha-a-Nova

Quinta-feira, 14 de Março

11h30 - Degustação de Cabrito Estonado e Vinho Callum, de Oleiros

Sexta-feira, 15 de Março

14h00 - Piantar Sabores: Apresentação dos eventos gastronómicos 2019 de Proença-a-Nova

16h00 - Prova de Azeites, de Castelo Branco

17h30 - Actuação do Grupo de Cavaquinhos de Penha Garcia - Viagem pelos sabores de Idanha-a-Nova

Sábado, 16 de Março

16h00 - Degustação de produtos Terras de Oiro, de Vila Velha de Rodão

17h00 - Actuação do Rancho Folclórico de Penamacor

17h30 - Actuação do Grupo de Cantares de Pedrogão de São Pedro, de Penamacor

Domingo, 17 de Março

11h00 - Plantar Sabores: Apresentação dos eventos gastronómicos 2019 de Proença-a-Nova

16h00 - Apresentação de Geobiscoitos "Seixos Rolados", de Penamacor



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- Animação garantida ao longo de 5 dias com a encantadora mascote Judite a Trilobite
 - Passatem o "Encontre o Ouro"













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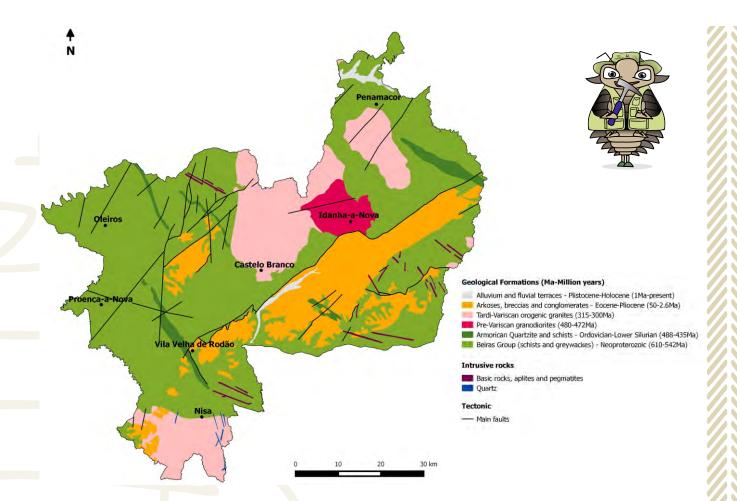
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