

M3A Circular walk from Fontes Wednesday 21st February

Where?

Up in the hills “behind Campanário”.

Actually starting and finishing in a small village called Fontes.

When?

10.00 for 10.15 departure from Bar Fontes.

Directions to the meeting point:

Take exit 2 on the Rapida to Campanário, and head north. Follow the road round, up the hill and turn right into a tunnel signposted “Lugar da Serra”.

After tunnel, turn left before the next tunnel.



At T junction turn right.

Continue climbing and climbing keep following road to the left.



Continue on this same road until the T-junction signposted Terreiros to the right and Sao Paulo to the left.



Turn left past the “O Tronco” bar.





Continue up for 0.7 km and turn right at the signpost for Fontes. Follow the same road for another 1.8 km to reach the bar Fontes

N32 42.119 W17 01.249. You are now at 945 m. Park anywhere on the road.

The walk itself:

Grade: Problem free walk with a longish ascent on a broad, sometimes stony unpaved mule track. No risk of vertigo. Approximate 9 km circular walk. The total ascent is 380 metres, so the decent is the same!



This is route 38 in the book “60 routes on Madeira and Porto Santo” by Paddy Dillon. [CLICK HERE](#) for the internet summary.

Some suggestions for lunch in Campanário:

La Parreia, Vista Alegre and Restaurante Sao Bras near the church. Alternatively drive to Ribeira Brava where there are numerous possibilities.