



Good Practice – Rail Bike Marvão, an unforgettable adventure!

Rail Bike Marvão

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- Rail Bike Marvão is an initiative that promotes rides (cycling) along a disabled railway line, at the same time that promotes the valorisation of natural space.



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- This is a **physical activity**, taking into account that bicycles have no engine. The route includes some areas with some inclination and all participants must cycle. While cycling, tourists can admire the landscape, while passing through cork oaks, oaks, streams, green fields and wildlife.

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- **Two routes available:**

1. **The Bridge** - this route takes 2 hours and a total of 15 kms. It starts from Marvão-Beirã station and ends at a 1930 railway bridge, 30 metres above the ground, from where you return to the starting point. The high point of this route is, precisely, this bridge, which offers a panoramic view before returning to the station.
1. **Castelo de Vide** - this trail lasts 4 hours and has a total length of 32 km. It also starts at the station of Marvão-Beirã and goes up to the historical station of Castelo de Vide, from where you return. Before returning to the starting point, the group will stop for a picnic organized by the guide.

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Potential for transfer

Rail Bike Marvão is a potentially replicable initiative, in order to promote the enhancement of cultural and landscape heritage, while promoting the practice of physical exercise, and that can be performed by public or private entities.

The implementation of this project involved 2 municipalities, which was fundamental, and contributed to the infrastructure of it with 2 routes that support a tourism niche based on “Ecotourism”.

The landscape, people, endogenous products contribute to the enrichment of the project.



Thank you!

Questions welcome



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