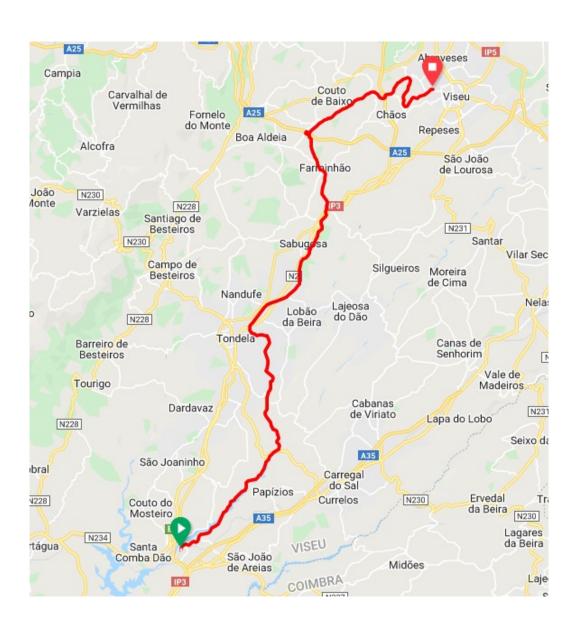
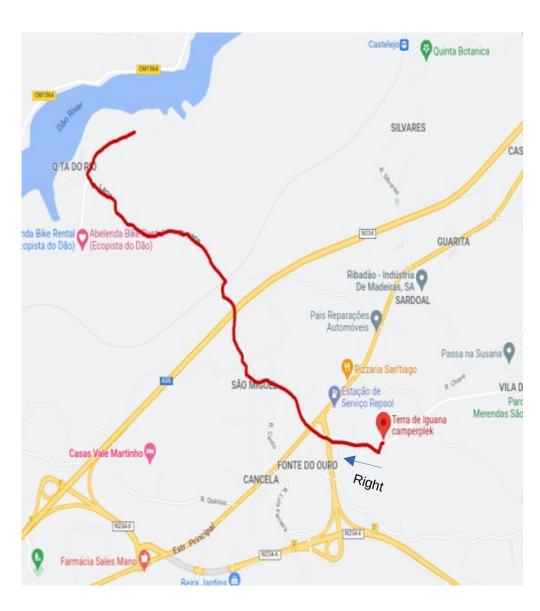
Bike Road

EcoPista do Dao







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Welcome to camperplek Terra de Iguanas

Almost flat cycling in the mountains of Portugal

De "Linha do Dão", in 1988 a raised railway line between Santa Comba Dão and Viseu in Central Portugal, is taken into use again in 2011, but now as bicycle and walking path named Ecopista do Dão. With its 49 km it is not only the longest Ecopistaook but also the most beautiful Ecopista of Portugal. The first part of this cycle path, starting from Santa Comba Dão, follows the course of the river Dão and away, the course of the Pavia, a tributary of the Dão. Each bend in the river means a bend in the Ecopista with beautiful and changing views. Doorfietsend, the Ecopista of the river, but the landscape remains particularly beautiful, with views of mountains and valleys covered with oak, Cork oaks and chestnut trees, but also some vineyards, cultivated land and small villages and in the mountains of the Serra do Caramulo(in the North) and the Serra da Estrela(in the South).

Easy cycling and hiking. Because you have an old railway bike, There are no steep slopes to take and is it easy cycling in this mountainous part of Portugal. In addition, the road surface paved with colored asphalt, Blue in the municipality of Santa Comba Dão, Green in Tondela and red in Viseu.

Because of the length and the excellent road surface and the fact that there is no mopeds or other motorized vehicles may drive, This Ecopista is also suitable to train for, for example, the maraton.

Camper place Terra the Iguanas. Our camper place become widely used as a port for the ecopista but also to explore the area. We have several camper pitches and a holiday home. Also you can make beautiful walks in the area.

Accommodation on the Ecopista do Dão. Quinta da Abelenda borders the Ecopista do Dão(op Km 47), 2 km from the beginning of this cycle path(on the side of Santa Comba Dão). This beautiful quinta has two cosy wooden cottages available for guests. It is located just 200 metres from Quinta da Abelenda to the river Dão, who here is part of the reservoir of Aguieira. You can rent different kinds of cycling, both for tenants as passers-by.



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Figueiró station, café with terrace Travassós de Orgens

Figuieró station is fully refurbished and is right next to a cafe with terrace, 365 days a year open from 6 am to 2 am.



Km 45,9 Km

Tondelinha Vildemoinhos

Km 48,6

You are going to slowly up towards the city of Viseu.



Km 49,2

Viseu

End point(or early) of the Ecopista on the Avenida da Europe



Km

2,1

Km

6

Start Ecopista, Santa Comba Dão station.

We recommend the Ecopista starting at the station of Santa Comba Dão(in the village of Vimieiro). In that case the light climbing to Viseu, almost not noticeable, but they ended than easier.



Km Abdelenda Bike Rental

Various types of bicycles. Standard bicycles, all terrain bicycles, children's bicycles and special bicycles. Transfer service to the other side of the Ecopista. Plenty of parking for cars.



Km Camperplace Terra de Iguanas 4,1

On 2,3 km away Camper place terra the iguanas, from here, the ecopista is very easy to reach.



Km Bridge over the River Dão Station Treixedo 4,7

The old steel railway bridge has been completely restored and is now part of the Ecopista. The former station of Treixedo is not yet restored.



Km 9,2 Nagosela

Just after a second steel bridge, now on a tributary of the Dão, There is a wonderful place for a break, right on the river Dão. To do this, you are right after the bridge turn right, a sandy road down. At Km 37,5 changes the road surface of blue(municipality of Santa Comba Dão) to green(municipality of Tondela).





Km 14,7 Km 15,7

Tonda Dao Vineyards Station.

Between km 40 and 30 overlooks valleys overgrown with oak, Cork oaks and chestnut trees, but also some vineyards.



Km 20,5 Km 23,7

Tondela Ruins Santa Ovaia Station

The Ecopista comes through the town of Tondela, but you find almost not that you go through a city because the drive on the edge. If you want to save in Tondela left at the station. Further by biking you'll pass the ruins of Santa Ovaia.



Km 25,2 Km 27

The old church of Canas de Santa Maria Station Sabugosa

You will pass the ruins of the church built in Romanesque-Gothic style of Canas de Santa Maria from the 14th century. Sation Sabugosa is restored but not yet open to the public.



Km 30,2 Km 31,2 Km 32,7

Station Parada de Gonta Tunnel Santa Catarina Station Farminhão (café-restaurant)

The village of Parada de Gonta, where is the Ecopista along, is worth a visit. The tunnel of Santa Catarina is almost 200 m long and lit d.m.v. solar panels, but the lighting does not always work. In the middle of the tunnel changes the road surface of green(Tondela) to red(gemeente Viseu).

The former station of Farminhão, now is a very good restaurant and bar.





Km 37,3 Km 39,2

Station Torredeita - with steam locomotive Mosteirinho

On drive Torredeita is an old steam locomotive from 1885 and some wagons. You can go in, also in the locomotive itself. At Mosteirinho, go about a magnificent bridge, designed by Eiffel.

