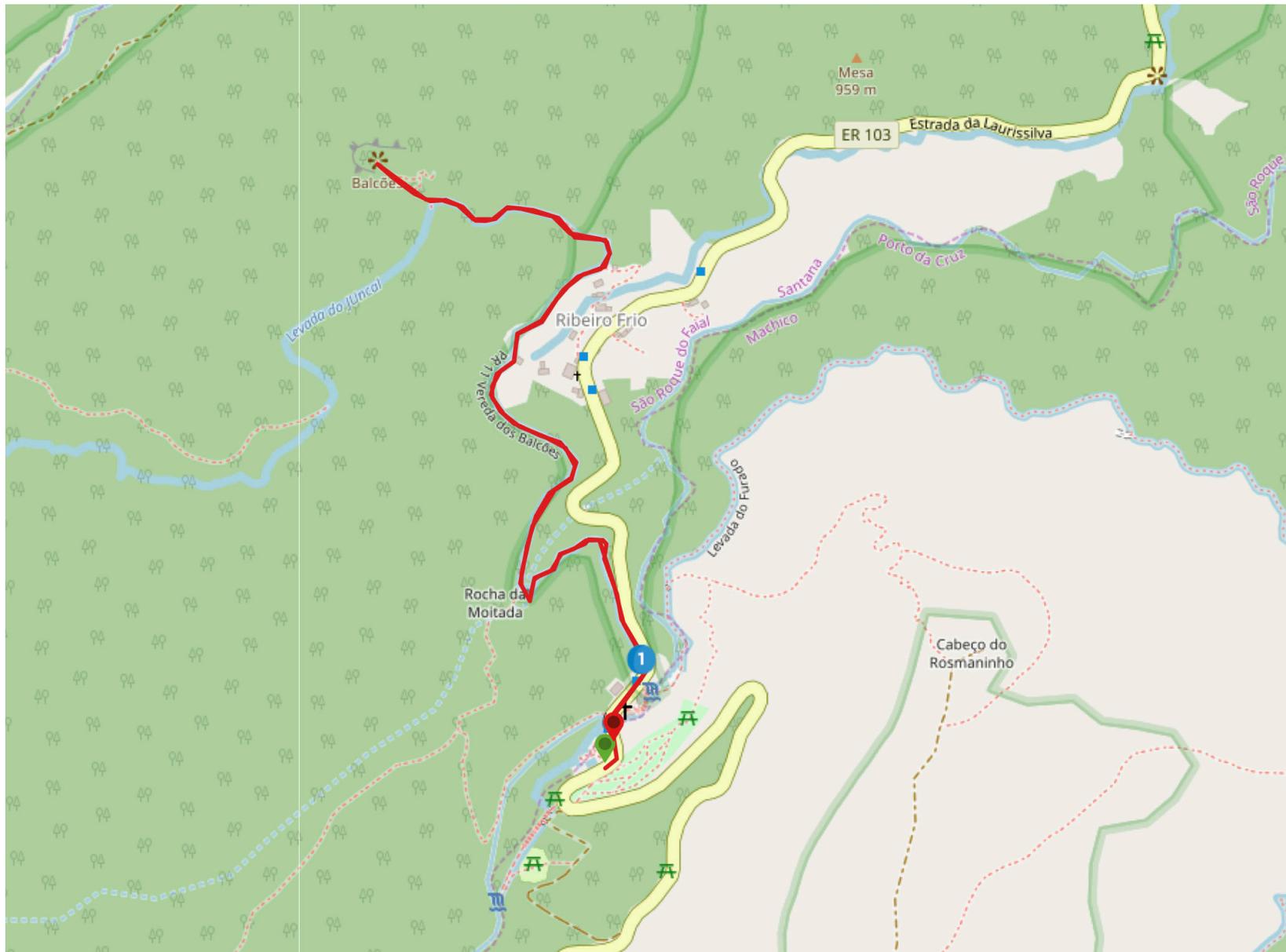


Ribeiro Frio

Distance: 2 miles (3.2km) Ascent: Negligible



 - Walk

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Ribeiro Frio

Distance: 2 miles (3.2km) **Ascent:** Negligible

Walk 13

A lovely little out and back walk to what is, arguably, the most famous viewpoint on the island. Balcoes is, as implied a balcony perched high on the valley side, a grandstand from which Madeira's great peaks, Arieiro, Gato, Torres and Ruivo, can be viewed at close quarters above the profound depth of the Metade valley.

The walk is short, along a broad track with no difficulties whatsoever. Truly a walk for everyone.

Ribeiro Frio is a roadside cluster of buildings, high in the mountains, including bars/restaurants, souvenir shop, trout farm/garden.

Start/finish:

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Refreshments:

Cafes/Bars in Ribeiro Frio. Bar part way along route.

Getting there:

From HPB drive to Monte (see walk no. 10). Continue climbing to the top of the Poiso Pass (more than 4200ft), where there is a hotel. At two road junctions keep straight ahead following signs for 'Ribeiro Frio'. Descend for a little more than 3 miles to Ribeiro Frio to find a road side parking space.

Note: It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. Thank you for your help. Happy walking.

WALK

1 Walk downhill, 40 yards below the souvenir shop turn left along a broad track beside the Levada Velha. There are several signs, including 'Balcoes', and a description board. The track heads through rich, mossy, woodland, passing through a mini ravine before reaching a bar with souvenirs. Next is a hut where woollen goods are hand knitted and sold on the premises. After a second mini rocky ravine leave the levada by turning right at a junction to reach Balcoes in a short distance along a cobbled track.

Return to Ribeiro Frio by the same route.