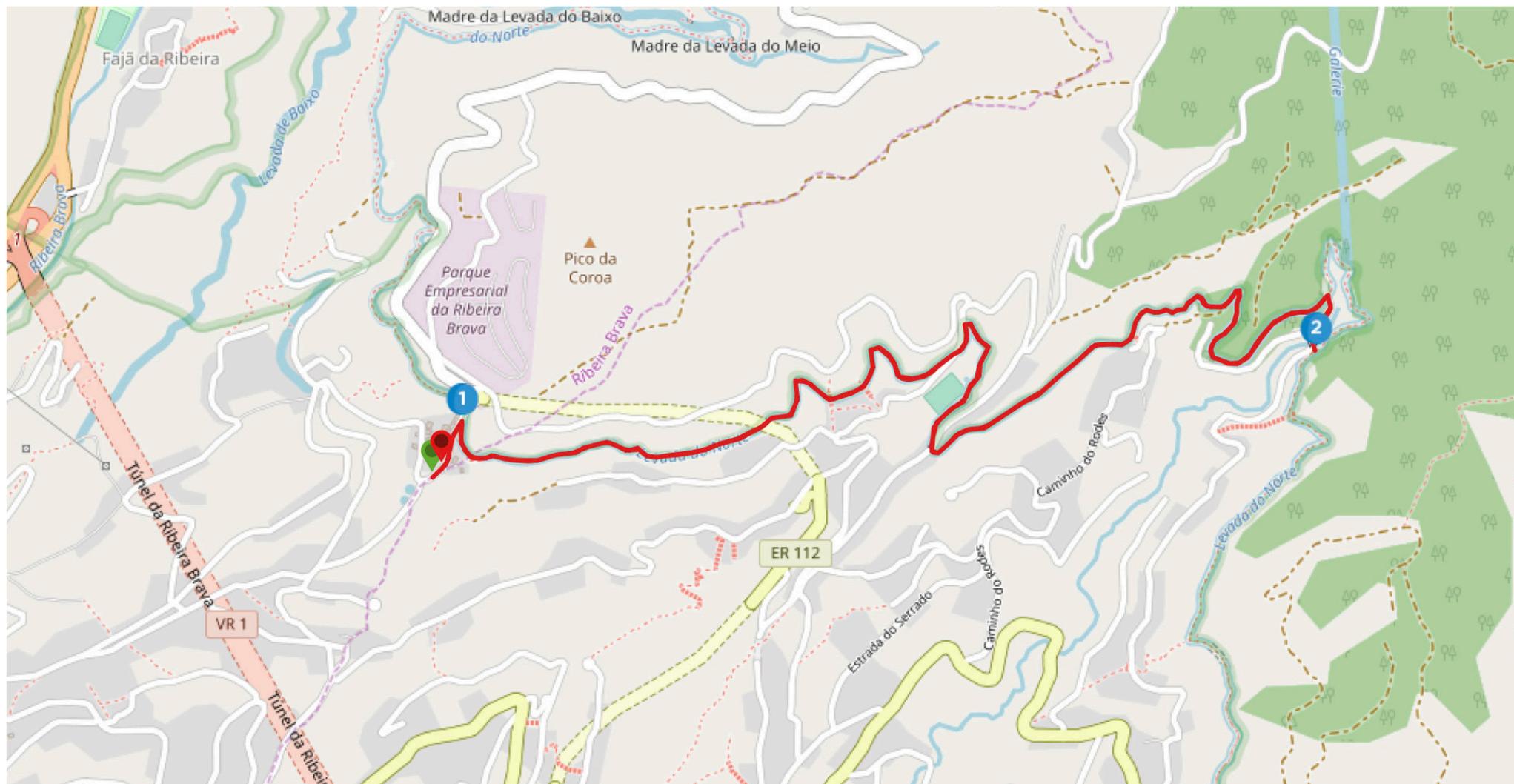


# Boa Morte

## Walk 5

Distance - 5 miles (8.0km) (out and back) Ascent: Negligible



**Walk**

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Walk 5

An easy out and back walk (as suggested) along a section of the Levada do Norte as it contours round the hillside above the broad Campanário valley, with views over the scattered village to the sea.

**Start/finish:** Boa Morte.

Getting to the Start/Finish:

- By car/taxi. From HPB drive along the former main road towards Ribeira Brava, passing above Quinta Grande and Campanário. Just over 1 mile short of Ribeira Brava turn right at a junction signposted "Sao Joao". It climbs steadily through Sao Joao to reach Boa Morte in about 2 miles. The Levada path starts just past the 'A1 Pinheiro' bar. There is roadside parking by the bar. (Less scenic route on the motorway VR1 Junction 2. Head uphill through 2 tunnels, turn left through another tunnel to a roundabout. Levada is just below the roundabout, and you can park beyond it.)
- By bus. From Cruz da Caldeira get the No. 7 bus to Ribeira Brava (or the shuttle) or to Boa Morte (infrequent). Walking from Ribeira Brava to Boa Morte (**see \***) adds 1.5 hours and 2 miles (3.4km) to the walk. The ascent – from sea level to 500m – is very steep, but apart from the initial hill, it is along a minor cobbled road with steps through picturesque Ribeira Brava with spectacular views over the bay and surrounding hills.

**Refreshments** - A1 Pinheiro bar.

**Combination options:** Walk No. 4 – Levada do Norte in reverse. It is best to start at Boa Morte and walk back to HPB. Combined distance: 4.5 miles.

## WALK

**Start.** From the A1 Pinheiro bar/restaurant go a few yards up the road. Turn right just before the next house to access the Levada path. There is no sign but almost immediately you will pass a water distribution centre with a mesh wire fence. At the beginning you will be passing just above the highest houses of Ribeira do Campanário. Prominent in the seaward view is the sharp hill Pico Alto. You are skirting the valley.

**Map Point 1.** This point is actually much further along the path than implied by the map, perhaps half way. Cross a minor road, then a large water tank with a disused football ground below it. The alternation of wooded and open sections enhances a very pleasant stroll, with vines, sugar cane, apple trees, eucalyptus grove and the ubiquitous agapanthus.

**Map Point 2.** Cross an earth track, bearing right above a minor road, before reaching the head of the valley, where the Levada crosses the stream on a concrete bridge. There is a picnic area and a dirt road ends here. Return to Boa Morte by the same route or pick up the Levada on the other side of the meadow to combine with Walk No. 4 – Levada do Norte.

**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 from Ribeira Brava**

