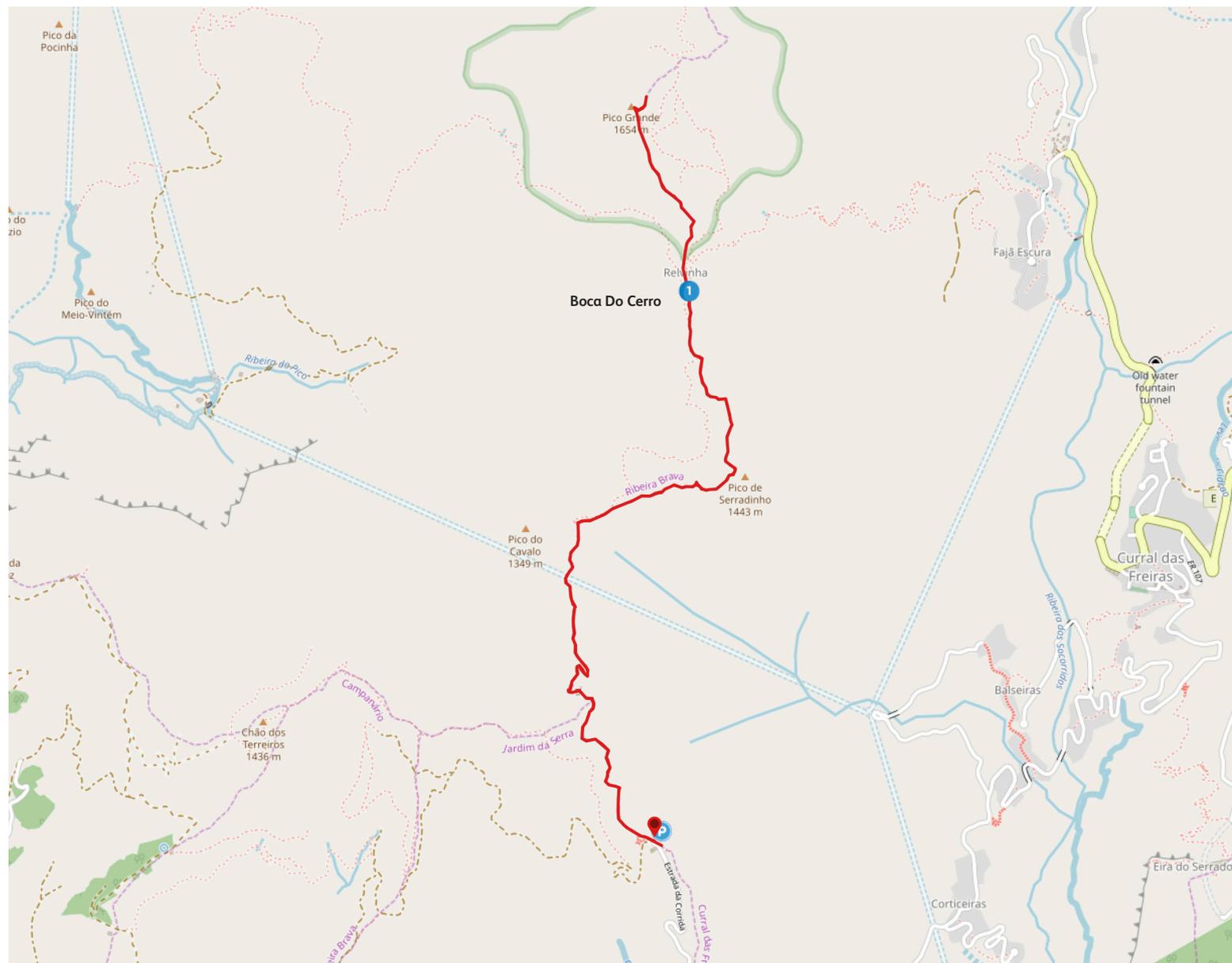


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**An out and back walk on a good track, high among the rugged mountains. Although there are steep slopes, the track is generally of sufficient width to be acceptable to most walkers. Spectacular views! Boca do Cerro is at the foot of the great Pico Grande.**

### Start/finish:

Boca da Corrida.

### Refreshments:

Cafe/shop in Corrida

Getting there:

- **By car/taxi:** From HPB reception follow the road uphill around a right hairpin bend to the junction at Cruz da Caldeira. Take a right turn then immediately left, turning steeply uphill opposite the 'Restaurant Miradouro' signposted 'Fontainhas, Jardim Da Serra'. Follow this winding road through Fontainhas for 5km to Eira das Moças. Do not take large left turn: follow road right downhill for 1.5 km.

From the steel/glass bus stop in Corrida, turn left and climb steadily. The final road section is cobbled. It ends above a Quinta built by the British consul in the 19th century.

- **By bus:** Take the No. 96 bus from Câmara do Lobos to Corrida. The Corrida bus stop is at a T-junction with a supermarket and bar/café. If there is no bus to Corrida go to Jardim da Serra and from the penultimate stop at a T-junction, go uphill until you reach the bus stop at Corrida. Jardim da Serra to Corrida is under a mile (30 minutes climb). Corrida to the Start is about a mile or 30 minutes uphill walk in a wooded area.

## WALK

**Start.** The parking area is just above the forestry office and the Quinta. The impressive views include Curral das Freiras deep in its basin. Set off to the left of the shrine, along a cobbled path, well provided with signs and notices, heading for 'Encumeada, 12.6km'. Go up a few steps to the right to follow an engineered path, initially rising steeply. The adjacent hillside falls away steeply but the path, which soon loses its surface, stays reassuringly wide. Pico Grande towers up ahead and the buildings at the summit of the Encumeada Pass come into view, as do the wind turbines on Paul da Serra on a clear day.

The track weaves its way, uphill and down dale, through the mountain landscape, passing Boca dos Corgos, Passo de Aves and across the flank of Pico do Serradinho before reaching Boca do Cerro (donkey pass) at 3937ft. **End at Map Point 1.** For those with the necessary experience and ability, there are options to **climb Pico Grande**, to **continue to Encumeada** or to **descend to Curral das Freiras**. All have varying degrees of difficulty.

**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.