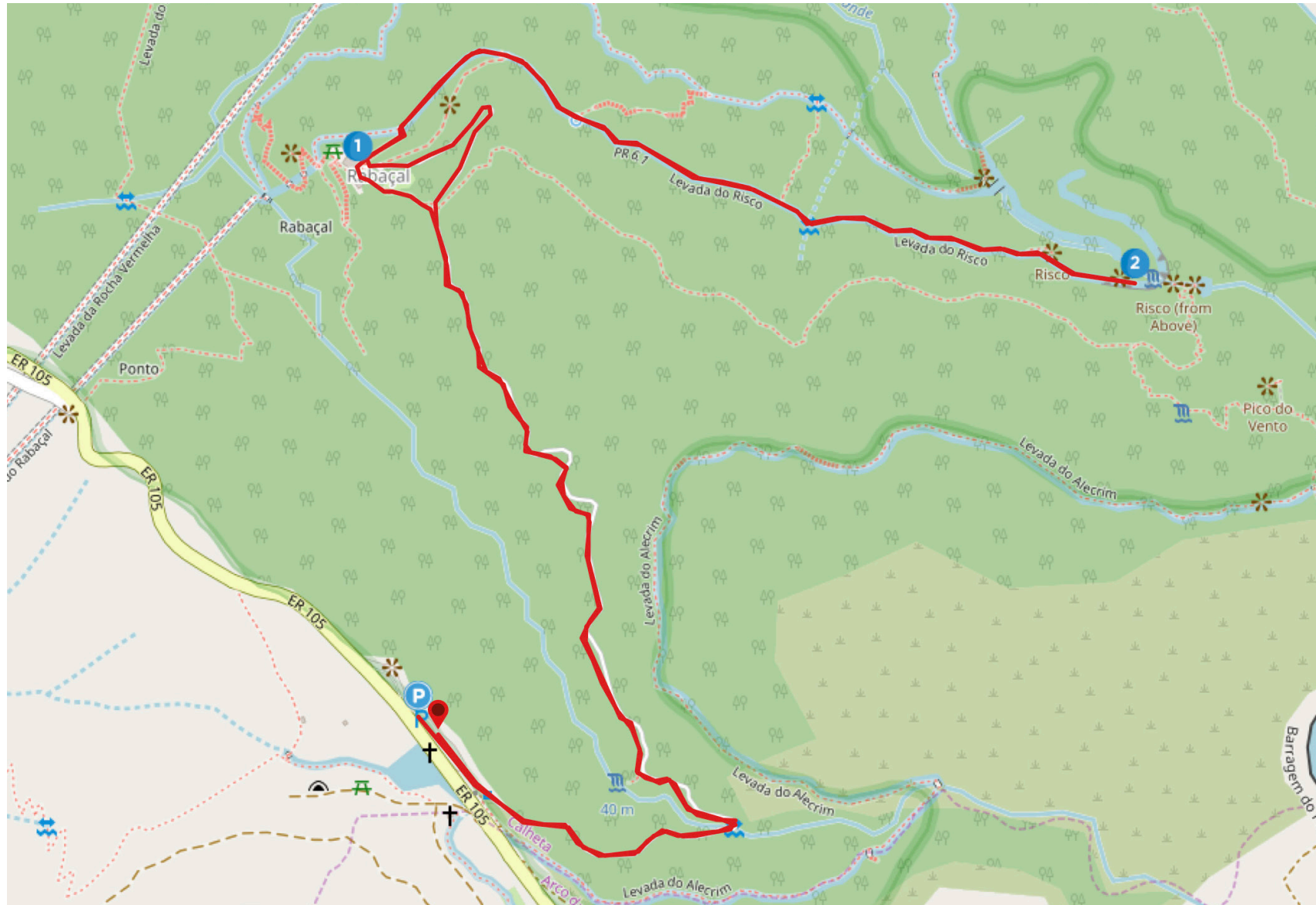


Risco Waterfall

Distance: 4 miles (6.4km) Ascent: 700ft (100 ft if the bus is used)



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Risco Waterfall

Walk 16

Distance: 4 miles (6.4km) **Ascent:** 700ft (100 ft if the bus is used)

The very popular short out and back walk to the great waterfall at Risco is sheer delight, without hazards and with the optional aid of a shuttle bus to obviate the otherwise considerable ascent back to the car park.

Start/finish:

Large car park by the (right) side of the main road along the Paul da Serra plateau

Refreshments:

On route, at the bottom of the road, 'Rabaçal Nature Spot Café'. Alternatively, 'Jungle Rain' hotel/complex before or after the walk.

Getting there by car / taxi: From HPB use the same route as for walk No. 15, but continue along the Paul da Serra road towards Porto Moniz for a further 4 miles, passing crossroads and the hotel / restaurant / bar / souvenir complex 'Jungle Rain'. 1km after Jungle Rain there is a car park on the right by a watch-tower.

WALK

Start - From the car park, after passing a vehicular barrier, a narrow tarmac road winds downhill to the Rabacal forestry house 600ft. below. Passing through lush vegetation, including tree heathers, this makes a pleasant route. **(However, the shuttle bus operates all the year round, with return or one-way tickets).**

From the car park, after passing a vehicular barrier, a narrow tarmac road winds downhill to the 'Rabaçal Nature Spot Café' 600ft. below. Passing through lush vegetation, including tree heathers, this makes a pleasant route. (However, the shuttle bus operates all the year round, with return or one-way tickets).

Map Point 1. By whatever means, reach the substantial 'Rabaçal Nature Spot Café, with picnic tables and public conveniences. There are signposts pointing the way to 2 popular walks - that to the '25 fontes' (sprints) has vertiginous sections. Go along the path signposted to both, soon descending a considerable flight of rough steps to reach the Levada do Risco. Go to the right along the inviting path, to a sign posted fork. Follow 'Risco 0.9km' to the right, by the side of the Levada, richly vegetated in this wetter part of the island. There is a short section of the path protected by a handrail before the viewing area at the head of the valley is reached, with the great waterfall fully revealed.

Map Point 2. Return to the 'Rabaçal Nature Spot Café', by the same route. A left fork before the foot of the steps provides an alternative section, a broad track rising quite steeply up to the bus turning area above the forestry house.

Most walkers will be forgiven for using the shuttle bus (good value fare!), to avoid the long slog up the road back to the car park.

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.*