



CASTRO DE OVIL

ARCHAEOLOGICAL STATION

ESPINHO



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The Archaeological Station is located in a small hill in Monte, in the surroundings of Paramos.

The visit circuit includes a small fortified spot of the Iron Age, with origins that go back to the 4th century BC, and also the ruins of the Castelo paper mill, founded in 1836, all within a frame of forest.

A place full of history that you can not miss!



Archaeological Heritage

Fortified settlement of the Iron Age, surrounded by slopes and pits, with origin in the fourth century BC and forsaken in the early 1st century AD. The Archaeological work resulted into the discovery of residential units composed by circular structures in shale organized around slab courtyards, typical from the horizon of the castreja culture from the peninsular northwest.



Industrial Heritage

In 1836, Francisco Pinto Henriques de Meneses, Morgado de Paramos, founded the paper factory named Castelo that made the hydraulic exploitation of the Riomaio river side. This riverside serves a centre of paper industrialization perfectly contextualized, between the county of Espinho and Santa Maria da Feira. In addition to the factory there are still visible the ruins of the drying paper machine, a cottage and a rolling mill.

Natural Heritage

In Castro de Ovil it is possible to observe native tree species, especially arbutus/strawberry trees, hawthorn trees, mistletoe and pines. On the banks of the river we can see the yews, cherry trees, laurel trees, ash trees, ulmo and alders. To this variety of species gathers oaks, cork trees and willows creating a native forest spot with excellent landscaping.

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