
Other interesting features

Alentejo

Aljustrel

Albufeira do Roxo

Characteristics and Services:

Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing; Outdoor parking;

This dam supplies the municipalities of Beja and Aljustrel, to which it pertains in administrative terms, intended primarily for irrigation.

The practise of secondary activities is subject to restrictions, and motorised watersports are not permitted.

Almodôvar

Albufeira de Monte Clérigo

Characteristics and Services:

Swimming allowed; Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing; Outdoor parking; Bar;

This dam, located in the course of the stream of Barranco do Adão, in the hydrographic basin of the River Guadiana, pertains to a protected area within the municipality of Almodôvar. It represents a zone of transition between the provinces of the Alentejo and the Algarve.

Support infrastructures exist in the site for canoeing, guaranteed by a local club and a small cafe/bar.

Barragem da Boavista

Characteristics and Services:

Fishing;

Earth dam on the Ribeira do Monte dos Monchões (Guadiana catchment).

Cuba

Albufeira do Alvito

Characteristics and Services:

Swimming allowed; Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing;

Alvito Dam is located in the hydrographic basin of the river Sado, in the course of the stream of Odivelas. Surrounded by an almost virgin oak grove landscape, it is an attractive leisure space.

Ferreira do Alentejo

Albufeira de Odivelas

Other informations:

Riverfront leisure zone; picnic area ;

Characteristics and Services:

Motor boats; Swimming allowed; Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing; Bar;

Odivelas Dam

Located in the stream of Odivelas, that flows into the river Sado, Odivelas Dam is a leisure space.

On the banks of the dam, that pertain territorially to the municipality of Alvito, there is the Markádia Campsite, including a restaurant, canoe hire, paddle boats, windsurfing, horseriding and bicycles.

A riverside beach is located in the municipality of Ferreira do Alentejo, close to the village of Odivelas. The practice of activities is subject to restrictions, and motorised watersports are not permitted.

Mértola

Albufeira da Tapada Grande

Other informations:

Classified as an "accessible beach ", children's playground; amphitheatre; paddle boats and canoes for hire; blue flag in 2005;

Characteristics and Services:

Swimming allowed; Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing; Outdoor parking; Bar;

Accessibility:

Disabled access;

The Tapada Grande Dam is located in the privileged area of the Guadiana Valley Natural Park. It is located in the course of the stream of Geraldo, close to Minas de São Domingos and the village of Corte do Pinto (in the municipality of Mértola).

In former times, the dam supplied mining complex and is currently a recreational site that is highly popular amongst the local residents that includes a pleasant riverside beach.

Moura

Açude de Pedrogão

Characteristics and Services:

Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing; One of the largest dams in the Baixo Alentejo region, it forms part of the Alqueva Dam undertaking.

Barragem do Alqueva

Other informations:

Boat trips and boats for hire, information panels about the Dam and a tourism office ;

Characteristics and Services:

Motor boats; Waterski; Alqueva Dam

The largest artificial lake in Europe, whose borders measure over 1000 km and which includes dozens of islands.

Odemira

Albufeira de Santa Clara

Santa Clara Dam

Santa Clara Dam is close to the village of Santa Clara-a-Velha, in the course of the river Mira, pertaining to the municipalities of Odemira and Ourique.

Ourique

Albufeira do Monte da Rocha

Monte da Rocha Dam
Monte da Rocha Dam is located in the course of the River Sado, close to the village of Panóias, in the municipality of Ourique, in a zone of oak groves.

Algarve

Castro Marim

Barragem de Odeleite

Address: OdeleiteCastro Marim

Characteristics and Services:

Swimming allowed; Rowing boats; Sailing boats;

Odeleite Dam, the river of the Blue Dragon

Located in the municipality of **Castro Marim in the Algarve**, the Odeleite Dam was built on the River Odeleite, which rises in the uplands of the Serra do Caldeirão and flows into the Rio Guadiana.

An aerial photograph showed that the reservoir is shaped like a blue dragon, a symbol of power, strength and good luck in Chinese culture, as well as being an emblem that was traditionally used by the emperors throughout history. This fact has attracted the attention of many visitors, who started to refer to it as the "River of the Blue Dragon".

Close to the dam, the small village of **Odeleite** has several points of interest such as the Main Church, built in 1534, some archaeological remains from the Roman era, and a number of watermills and windmills that are typical of this part of the Algarve. The natural heritage and outdoor activities such as walking and cycling, boat trips and other water sports are also good reasons to visit the region.

Centro de Portugal

Tomar

Barragem do Castelo de Bode

Characteristics and Services:

Motor boats; Waterski; Swimming allowed; Fishing; Rowing boats; Sailing boats; Windsurfing; Outdoor parking; Bar; Jet-ski; Located in the River Zêzere, in a zone of great beauty, Castelo de Bode Dam has one of the largest reservoirs in Portugal. It extends across a total distance of 60 kms, spanning the municipalities of Tomar, Abrantes, Sardoal and Ferreira do Zêzere.

Surrounded by leafy vegetation, especially pine trees, the reservoir offers ideal conditions for practising nautical sports or leisure activities in contact with nature. Anyone who wants a more detailed experience of this huge lake may go on a boat trip to visit spectacular landscapes within the reservoir - such as the

Island of Lombo, a small patch of land that contains an inn that is ideal for spending a few days in complete tranquillity.

Porto and the North

Vila Nova de Gaia

Barragem de Crestuma / Lever

Crestuma / Lever Dam

Crestuma / Lever Dam is located upstream from the River Douro, in the far eastern portion of the municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia.

The Dam entered into operation in 1986, and is of a movable type, constituted by 9 pillars each measuring 25.5 m in height, that support eight discharging sluices and a navigation lock next to the left bank of the River Douro. The dam has a total length of around 44 km.