

Pozo Limideiro

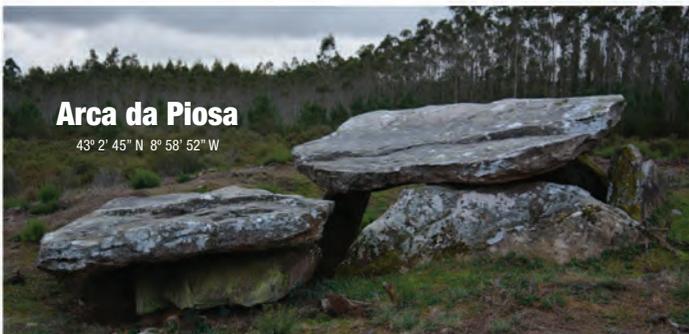
43° 0' 45" N 8° 56' 16" W

This territory, on the bank of the Xallas river, was a strategic place from where to control and exploit gold and tin found in this area. In the Pozo Limideiro mine we found an artificial pond where a mine once was. An english company has tried to find the gold which may have remained from the Roman era.



Arca da Piosa

43° 2' 45" N 8° 58' 52" W



In the work *Queixumes dos Pinos* (1886), from which the Galician National Hymn is extracted, poet Eduardo Pondal dreamt with Arca da Piosa. Even if this megalithic tumb was built more than 5.000 years ago, in the Neolithic age, the bard imagined the dolmen as the tumb of a warrior named Brandomil, who died in his fight against the romans.

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RUTA DE BRANDOMIL

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Even if the bridge of Brandomil is not roman, its origins are. The village keeps under its soil the ruins of the most western Roman city known until today. Before this happened, Brandomil was already populated. The Iron Age fort over the river Xallas shows the old village where the local people lived at the same time with the new immigrant population. The name of some of these new inhabitants, arrived from the Mediterranean, has stayed written forever in the exposed funeral monuments. Also their worships, in the altars dedicated to the *Lares Viales*, to the goddess *Fortuna* or the galician god of war *Cosus*.

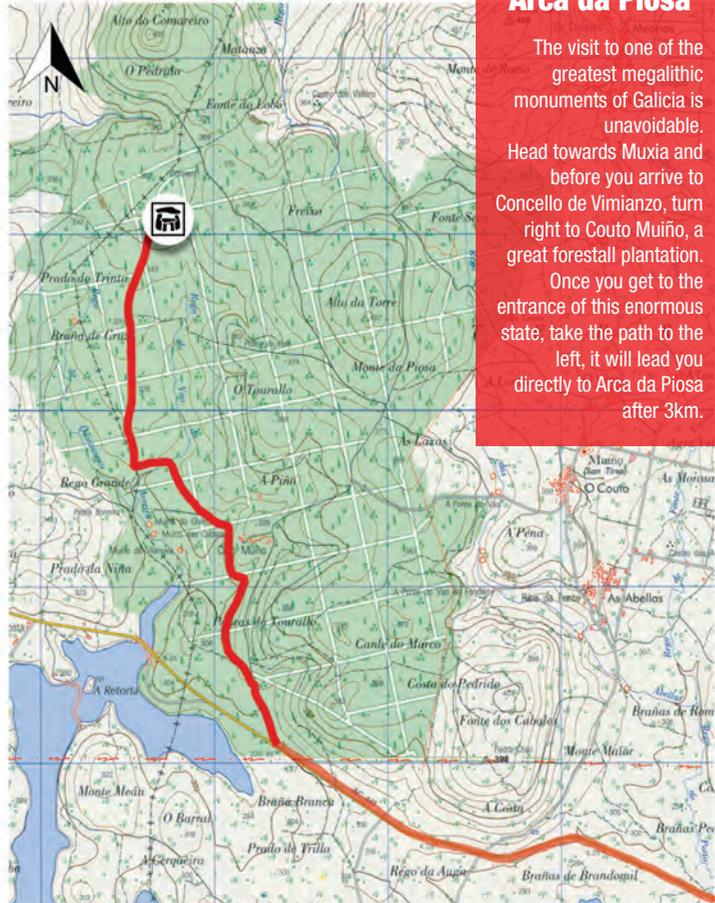
As early as in the XIX century, Brandomil was already the target for many researchers who situate it right in the Via XX per loca maritima, which connected Braga and Astorga. The most recent excavations led by Juan Naveiro reveal that the city expanded for more than 20 hect.

Brandomil

43° 0' 28" N 8° 55' 21" W



entrance to the Iron Age fort of Brandomil



Arca da Piosa

The visit to one of the greatest megalithic monuments of Galicia is unavoidable. Head towards Muxia and before you arrive to Concello de Vimianzo, turn right to Couto Muiño, a great forestall plantation. Once you get to the entrance of this enormous state, take the path to the left, it will lead you directly to Arca da Piosa after 3km.

To visit Arca da Piosa you will have to transit through unpaved tracks. The dolmen is situated in a great area dedicated to forestall plantation, therefore you must respect the workers and take the necessary precautions.







RUTA DE BRANDOMIL

Brandomil has been for centuries, a highlighted crosspoint in different communications. Whoever is going from Compostela to Muxia can't avoid looking at the old bridge over the Xallas river. Why not stopping there and know the origins of this monument? Discover the secrets still hidden in this place. Throughout this short route we highly recommend leaving your car in the resting area and cross the bridge. Right in front of you, you will see the Brandomil Iron Age fortification arise. Go over the wall, go around it and you will leave west towards the town's church. Now you can get a glimpse around. On the Brandomil streets, you will most certainly see roman stones where you least expect it. Return to your car afterwards, and get to know Pozo Limideiro mine, or walk to the Arca da Piosa dolmen to recite some of Ponal's wonderful verses. In exchange to telling you these secrets, we only ask for respect and consciousness. **The legacy of Brandomil has been here for more than two thousand years.**

ARCA DA PIOSA
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A PIOSA
COUTO MUIÑO

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< Muxia

POZO LIMIDEIRO
43°0'45"N
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BRANDOMIL

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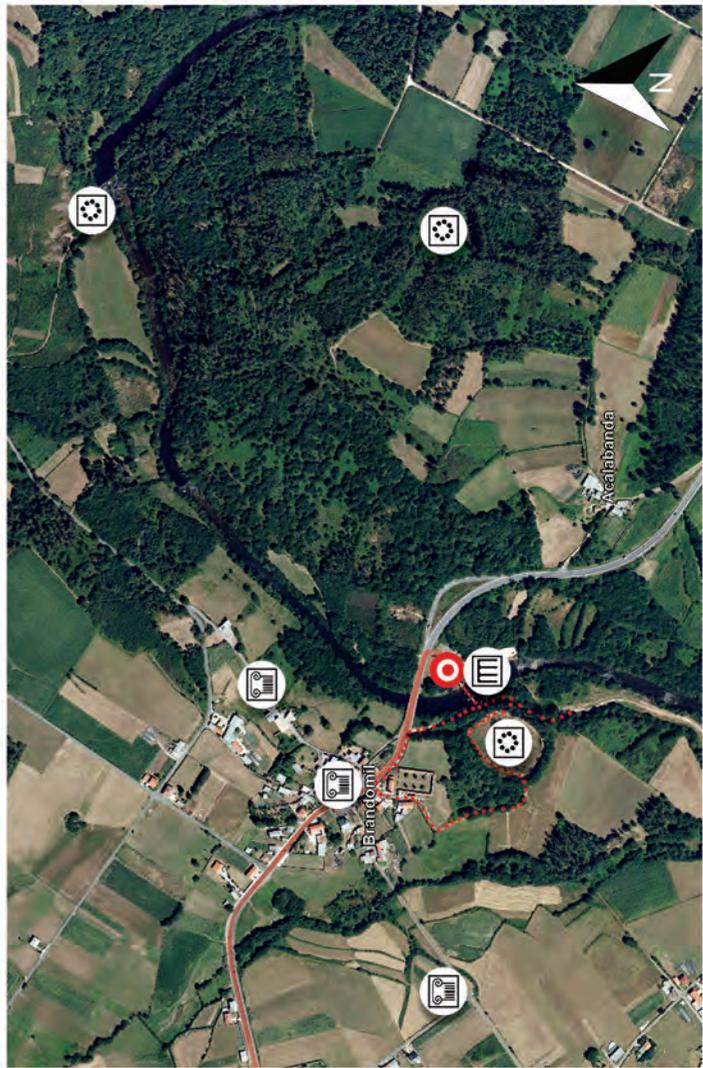
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 Bridge	 Roman remains
 Fortification	 Dolmen

8km Distance 2-3h Time

The ara dedicated to the Fortune goddess is the only one remaining here in Brandomil, in a private garden.



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