

ECOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

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HOW TO ARRIVE:

A8 Highway – Exit at the 86th Km (node 20),
in the direction of Tornada, by means
of the National Road 8 (N8).

Within the locality of Tornada, turn at a small
street (Rua do Paul) next to the church's wall.
Follow the signs to Tornada's Marsh Local
Nature Reserve.

Coordinates:

39°26'52" N
09°07'58" O W

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A Doorway to
Tornada's Marsh
Local Nature Reserve

COFINANCIAMENTO



PROMOTOR



APOIO



PARCEIROS



THE CENTRE

Tornada's Marsh Ecological and Educational Centre – Professor João Evangelista is a facility for Environmental Education which also functions as an interpretation centre for the Tornada's Marsh Local Nature Reserve.

The Centre is managed by two environment non-governmental organizations: GEOTA and PATO, with support from the Municipality of Caldas da Rainha.



ACTIVITIES

- FIELD TRIPS TO THE MARSH;
- PAPER-CHASE
- ATELIERS:
 - Tornada's Marsh's Birds
 - Paper recycling
 - Seed balls
 - Mini-garden construction
 - Medicinal and aromatic plants
 - Bird feeder construction
 - Herbarium making

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- EDUCATIONAL GAMES
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES



THE CENTRE IS EQUIPPED WITH:

- Multi-use room (40-60 seats);
- Media and documentation centre;
- Temporary exhibition room;
- Indoors observatory, based on the exhibition room;
- Dormitories (bedding for 12);
- Laboratory for experimental activities;
- Kitchen;
- Picnic/outdoors recreational area



TORNADA'S MARSH

Tornada's marsh is a wetland which serves as a habitat for a remarkable collection of animal species, more notably birds, specially the migratory ones. Thus, the Marsh is an ideal place for birdwatching.

Birds like the eurasian-coot, the grey-heron and the western-marsh-harrier reside in the Marsh, and can be seen around the year. Additionally, the purple-swamphen, a priority species within the Birds Directive, can be found here.

During the spring-summer period various migrant birds arrive, such as the barn-swallow, the eurasian-reed-warbler, the great-reed-warbler and the elegant purple-heron.

By winter, there is an abundance of great-cormorants and the osprey may be observed.

Although they don't settle in the Marsh, birds like the bluethroat and the whinchat can be seen when they traverse the area during their migrations.

Occasionally, the black-kite, short-toed-snake-eagle and white-stork can be found as well.

Besides birds, the Marsh is also home to the mediterranean-turtle, the Iberian-emerald-lizard, the mediterranean-tree-frog, the least-weasel, the fox and the european-otter, symbol of the Reserve.

Concerning flora, reeds, club-rushes, bulrushes and other rushes occur within the inundated lands. There is also a great diversity of herbaceous plants, as well as bushy and arboreal formations of willows, as is the case of the grey-willow.

