

Serra de Santa Justa
Santa Justa Mountain

As we travel along the ridge line of the Santa Justa mountain range, we get a privileged view of the "Tranquility Valley," so known for the sense of serenity it conveys. At the base, the Ferreira river, the agricultural fields and the village of Coura give a special colour to this scenery; soon we will be moving around there and we will be able to add the sounds, the smells and the touch to this sensorial experience. Ahead, the Pius mountain range. On both ridges, we see quartzite outcrops, which stand out from the surrounding, more erodible schist. On the banks of the river, we find a relatively well preserved riparian gallery which is the habitat of a great diversity of fauna.

O relevo que observamos testemunha o rico passado geológico da Paisagem Protegida do Regional Parque das Serras do Porto, mostra das formações geológicas mais antigas de Portugal e com um importante registo fóssil, especialmente de trilobites, tendo motivado nos anos noventa a criação do Parque Paleozoico de Valongo. Estamos perante uma megacostaforma formada há cerca de 350 Ma – Anticlinal de Valongo, que os agentes erosivos foram modelando, resultando nos vales e nas sequências de serras orientadas conforme os flancos normal (Santa Justa, Castiçal e Flores) e inverso (Pias, Santa Iria e Banha) do anticlinal. À esquerda, a vila de Campo, conhecida pela exploração de Lousa, ainda em atividade.

The relief that we observe bears witness to the rich geological past of the Regional Protected Landscape Parque das Serras do Porto, a showcase of the oldest geological formations in Portugal and with an important fossil record, especially of trilobites, having motivated in the nineties the creation of the Palaeozoic Park of Valongo. We are facing a mega-structure which was formed about 350 million years ago - the Valongo Anticline, which erosive agents modelled, resulting in valleys and mountain ranges orientated according to the normal (Santa Justa, Costiçal and Flores) and inverse (Pias, Santa Iria and Benjos) flanks of the anticline. On the left, the village of Campo, known for the slate quarries, is still in activity.



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