

TEXTILE
INDUSTRY
MUSEUM



RIVER AVE VALLEY TEXTILE INDUSTRY MUSEUM



HOW TO FIND US

By car:

The River Ave Valley Textile Industry Museum is situated at Vila Nova de Famalicão, just 30 minutes' drive from Porto, via the A3 (Porto - Braga).

By public transport:

Train services run from Porto Campanhã railway station (40 minutes). For train timetable information call [00 351] 808 208 208 or visit www.cp.pt

Bus services run from Rodoviária de Entre-Douro e Minho bus station, situated at Alfredo Magalhães Street, Porto (40 minutes). For bus timetable information call [00 351] 222 003 152 or visit www.rde-expressos.pt

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday and Sunday: only 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Last entry 15 minutes before closing

ADMISSION

Free admission. Suggested donation 2 €.

TELEPHONE

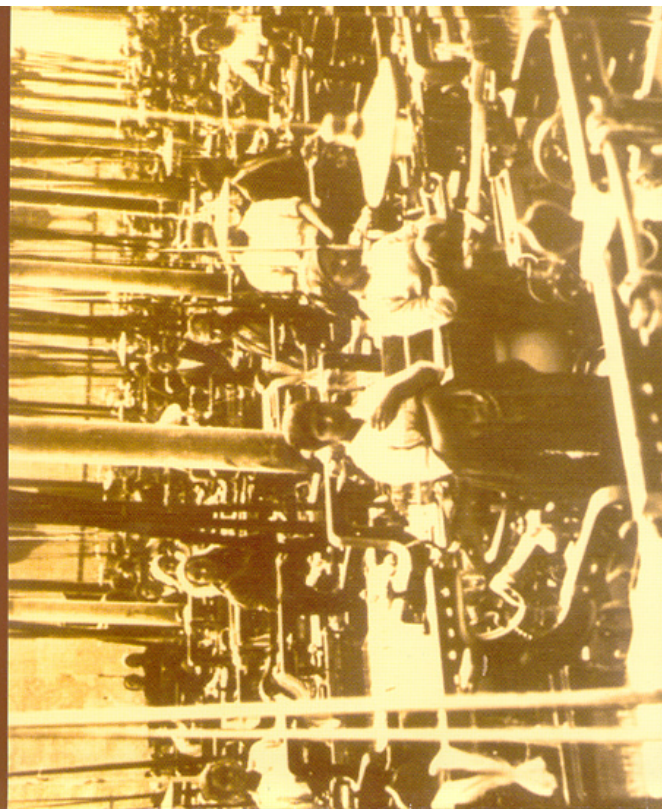
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Administration, education services, group bookings, events and activities, research library, mail order enquiries.

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The Story of the
Northwestern Portugal
Industrial Textile Heritage!





THE MUSEUM

The River Ave Valley Textile Industry Museum was founded in 1987 as a research project on industrial archaeology to study the history of the industrialisation of the Ave Valley and preserve its industrial heritage. The Museum offers society numerous services such as regular publications (e. g., the annual scientific review *Arqueologia Industrial*, published since 1987, the most important of its type in Portugal), exhibitions, the conservation and restoration of industrial archaeological artifacts, collection and conservation of historical documentation, seminars, conferences and courses on the industrial heritage, an educational service, a specialized library, shop, scholarly research, etc.



THE RIVER AVE VALLEY

Situated in the Northwest Portugal, the Ave Valley is an area thoroughly shaped by the cotton textile industry, whose very first mill was founded there in 1845 (left). One of the main reasons for the flourishing of the industry was owed to the search for water power to operate the mills. Since then, the textile industry has made up its principal economic activity – chiefly in the counties of Fafe, Guimarães, Vizela, Famalicão, Trofa and Santo Tirso –, and nowadays is the most important textile region in Portugal.



A FASCINATING DISPLAY OF AUTHENTIC WORKING TEXTILE MACHINERY

The River Ave Valley Textile Industry Museum is an industrial archaeological museum, displaying a fascinating and comprehensive collection of authentic working textile machinery. Demonstrators operating the machines explain textile techniques like spinning, weaving, knitting, dyeing and confection.