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Beaches

The coastline in the Borough of Viveiro is very jagged. Towards both the east and the west there are a large number of beaches with white sand, wild but well looked after. Towards the west and after the Covas Beach, lie Sacido, Abrela, Alegrín, San Román and Toxousos, in the Borough of Viveiro; Xillo, Vicedo and Area Longa, still in the Province of Lugo, in the Barquero Ria; and El Barquero, Vilela and Bares, now in the Province of La Coruña. Towards the east lie Area, Portonovo and Esteiro, which are still within the Borough of Viveiro.

In the same borough lies the Areas Beach, about one kilometre long and with many dunes, blue flag, and Covas, the largest beach in the municipality, bordered by a promenade running by the sea, joining it to Viveiro and which ends up at the Seiramar Beach.

At the western part of the beach there are a series of rocks cropping out known as Os Castelos. A monument has been erected on these rocks to pay tribute to the memory of the frigate *Anta María Magdalena* and the brig *Palomo*, which were wrecked together on a stormy night with gale-force winds. The disaster happened in the year 1810 and more than 500 people

lost their lives. The remains of those ships can still be seen sometimes, when the sea is whipped up into a fury and major undercurrents leave large tracts of the beach exposed.

But we are going to stick with the Portonovo Beach, which is reached on foot from the minor road to San Cibrao, a 160 metre long sandbank frequented by naturists, in the middle of a very beautiful natural landscape, without any amenities, facilities or sea rescue specialists.

We also love the Esteiro Beach, in the neighbouring Borough of Xove, a fine sandy tract 400 metres long with strong swell, ideal for surfing. It is provided with a shower and monitoring service.

Finally, the small beach at Rueta lies tucked away in the neighbouring Borough of Cervo; it is reached on foot from the road that reaches the aforementioned village from the village of Cervo. It is a small sandy stretch a mere 50 metres long, sheltered from the sea, and also equipped with amenities, showers and monitoring, in the middle of idyllic scenery.