

# THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE



## FEBRUARY 2013 EXCURSIONS CALENDAR

### from the peace of the snow to the joyful carnival noise

**Saturday, February 2: CUGNOLO WOOD.** Easy walk in a strip of Maquis shrubland nearby Torre di Palme (FM), suspended on the Adriatic coast. **Estimated time: 1.30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 80 m. Difficulty: T.**  
On the way back CARNEVALE A FERMO (Carnival in Fermo). Fight between Fermo and Ascoli Piceno in Pizza del Popolo. Rugby Match: Amatori Fermo 1935-Amatori Ascoli.

**Sunday, February 3: SNOWSHOE WALK AT PANTANI DI ACCUMOLI.** From Forca Canepine to Monte dei Signori, on animal tracks. **Estimated time: 3,30 h-4,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: E.**

**Thursday, February 7: MONTE DELL'ASCENSIONE.** From Polesio to the top of ancient Monte Nero (Black Mount), whose profile recalls in each one different figures and ancient myths. **Time of going 1,45 h-2,00 h, return 0,45 h-1,15 h (stops excluded). Gap: 650 m. Difficulty: E.**  
On the way back CARNEVALE A CASTIGNANO (Carnival in Castignano): Fair of "Pizza Onta" (Greasy Pizza), Take it FREE!

**Saturday February 9: CUGNOLO WOOD.** Easy walk in a strip of Maquis shrubland nearby Torre di Palme (FM), suspended on the Adriatic coast. **Estimated time: 1.30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 80 m. Difficulty: T.**

**Sunday, February 10: SNOWSHOE WALK AT FORCA DI PRESTA.** On the hills surrounding the Pian Piccolo, with spectacular views on River Tronto High Valley. **Estimated time: 4,00 h-4,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 500 m. Difficulty: E.**  
On the way back CARNEVALE AD ASCOLI PICENO (Carnival in Ascoli): Carnival Fest in Piazza del Popolo and contest of masked groups. Let's parade as snowshoe-walkers!

**Tuesday, February 12: S. MARC HERMITAGE RING.** From Piaggie of Ascoli Piceno to Belssed Conrad Cave through S. Marc Hermitage and the Devil's Finger. **Estimated time: 2.15 h-2.30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 260 m. Difficulty: T/E.**  
On the way back CARNEVALE AD OFFIDA (Carnival in Offida): Carnival Fest in Piazza and "Vlurd" firing.

**Saturday February 16: CUGNOLO WOOD.** Easy walk in a strip of Maquis shrubland nearby Torre di Palme (FM), suspended on the Adriatic coast. **Estimated time: 1.30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 80 m. Difficulty: T.**

**Sunday, February 17: SNOWSHOE WALK AT MONTE PRATA.** On the hills surrounding the Pian Perduto until the Sibillini main ridge. **Estimated time: 4,00 h-4,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 500 m. Difficulty: E.**

**Sunday, February 24: SNOWSHOE WALK IN VAL CANATRA.** From Castelluccio of Norcia (PG) to Poggio di Croce, going up the side valley of Pian Perduto to admire the winter scenery of its Piani. **Estimated time: 5,00 h-5,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 500 m. Difficulty: E.**

For bookings, rates and info on equipment and clothing needed, time and place of departure:  
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**Note: this calendar may be changed because of adverse weather conditions.  
Snowshoe walks will be made only if snow conditions of the selected places will be satisfying.  
Any possible changes and new itineraries will be promptly communicated.**