

DECEMBER 2014 HIKES CALENDAR

TOWARDS CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR, EXPECTING FOR THE SNOW!

Saturday 1: MONTE DELL'ASCENSIONE from Polesio. From the hamlet of Ascoli whose name comes from the legendary Santa Polisia, to the summit of the Mount also called "Polesio", located between Ascoli Piceno and Rotella and characterized by a particular profile, due to its geological history. **Rise time: 1,45-2,00 h (stops excluded); down: 0,45-1,15 h (stops excluded). Gap: 650 m. Difficulty: E.**

After walking: SIBILLINI IN ROSA (Sibillini in Pink) in Montedinove (AP), fair-market of Sibillini Pink Apples.

Saturday 6: THE ALTINO RING. From Altino di Montemonaco Refuge (AP) to the hamlets of Rocca and Tofe, situated at the entrance of the suggestive ravine dug by River Aso and conducing to Foce, the Star of Sibillini Mountains. Return along part of the G.A.S. (Great Sibillini Ring). **Estimated time: 2,30-3,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 300 m. Difficulty: E.**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on other path!

Sunday 7: ALONG THE PATH OF THE HARVESTERS. Morning and evening hikes from Altino di Montemonaco Refuge (AP) to S. Maria in Pantano Church along the historical Sentiero dei Mietitori (Path of the Harvesters), among the woods at the foot of the impressive eastern slope of Monte Vettore. **Estimated time: 3.00 h-3,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 150 m. Difficulty: T/E**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the same path!

Monday 8: IL LAGO DI GEROSA (Gerosa Lake). An easy walk along the rivers of the Lake found out upstream Comunanza (AP), natural entrance to Sibillini Mountains and visit to the amazing romanic church of S. Giorgio all'Iso-la. **Estimated time: 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 100 m. Difficulty: T.**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the same path!

Saturday 13: THE STONE RING. In the hearth of Lost Apennine, strolling among Poggio Rocchetta, Rocchetta and Agore, three semi-abandoned settlements in the late 50's, absolutely fascinating. **Estimated time: 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: E.**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on other path!

Sunday 14: FROM THE CITY CENTER WITH THE BACKPACK. From S. Severino Marche (MC) to Madonna del Monte Sanctuary through the Valle dei Grilli (Crickets Valley) and Manfrica Wood, coming back from St. Pacifico's Church along the ancient road among medieval states, into woods, very old quarries and a wonderful abandoned hermitage. **Estimated time: 5,00-5,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 650 metri. Difficulty: E**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on other path!

Saturday 20: THE MONTE DELL'ASCENSIONE. From Porchiano, hamlet of Ascoli, to the summit of the Mount once called "Nero" (Black) or "Polesio", located between Ascoli Piceno and Rotella and characterized by a particular profile, due to its geological history. **Rise time: 1,45-2,00 h (stops excluded); down: 0,45-1,15 h (stops excluded). Gap: 650 m. Difficulty: E.**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on other path!

Sunday 21: THE MONTE PRIMO. From Trebbio of Sefro to the summit of the mountain overlooking Pioraco and his gorge, characterized by the presence of an ancient Neolithic settlement **Estimated time: 3,00-3,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 500 m. Difficulty: E.**

In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the same path!

**For Christmas time hiking tours,
please look at the proposals listed
in the enclosed calendar!!!**

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**Note: this calendar may be changed because of adverse weather conditions.
Any possible changes and new itineraries will be promptly communicated.**