

# THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

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## DICEMBER 2013 HIKES CALENDAR

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

**Saturday, November 30: 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, December 1: SNOWSHOE WALK AT PANTANI DI ACCUMOLI.** From Forca Canepina to Monte dei Signori, on the tracks of the animal living in the Sibillini National Park. **Estimated time:** 3,30 h-4,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 200 m. **Difficulty:** EAI.

**Saturday, 7: ALONG THE PATH OF THE HARVESTERS.** 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:** 2,30 h-3,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 150 m. **Difficulty:** T. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Sunday, 8: MONTE BANDITELLO.** From Altino di Montemonaco Refuge (AP) to the summit of the overlooking mountain, northern sentry of the Lord of Sibillini and privileged balcony over Pilate's Lake Valley. **Rise time:** 3,00 h-3,30 h (stops excluded). **Down:** 2,00 h-2,30 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 800 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on **other** path!

**Saturday, 14: THE STONE RING.** Walking in the heart of Lost Apennine, searching for the three hamlets of Acquasanta Terme (AP): Poggio Rocchetta, Agore e Rocchetta. **Estimated time:** 2,30 h-3,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 240 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on **other** path!

**Sunday, 15: 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:** EAI.

**Tuesday, 17: EVENING SNOWSHOE WALK ON PIANI DI RAGNOLO.** Sunset on the Piani waiting for the full moon. **Estimated time:** 3,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 300 m. **Difficulty:** EAI.

**Saturday, 21: 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. **Rise time:** 1,45 h-2,00 h, **down:** 0,45 h-1,15 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 650 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on **other** path!

**Sunday, 22: AT THE FOOT OF THE ODD MOUNTAIN.** Walk from Pian dell'Elmo (MC) on the slopes of Monte S. Vicino, instinctive relief of Marche Apennine encircled by age-old woods, point of reference from all over the Region. **Estimated time:** 3,30-4,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 400 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Tuesday, December 24: INFERNACCIO AND S. LEONARDO HERMITAGE for Christmas Eve Mass.** From From the gorge dug by the River Tenna to the saddle where the hermitage rises, for Christmas Eve Mass. **Rise time:** 1.15 h-1,30 h (stops excluded), **down:** 1.00 h-1.15 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 285 m. **Difficulty:** E.

**Thursday, 26: ALONG THE PATHS OF HUNTING PLACES AND OF THE HARVESTERS.** From Altino di Montemonaco Refuge (AP) to S. Maria in Pantano Church through Vallegrascia, along the Sentiero delle Cacce (Path of Hunting Places) and 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:** 4,00 h-4,30 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 500 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Friday, 27: 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:** EAI.

**Saturday, 28: MONTEMONACO NATURE PATH.** Walk under the majestic bulk of Monte Sibilla, on trail of the myth that have attracted witches, necromancers and knight errants for centuries. **Estimated time:** 2,00-3,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 130 m. **Difficulty:** T. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Sunday, 29: SUSPENDED OVER THE ANCIENT LAKE.** On the hills surrounding the Pian Piccolo, with spectacular views on River Tronto High Valley. **Estimated time:** 4,00 h-4,30 h (excluding stops). **Gap:** 500 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Monday, 30: MONTEGALLO NATURE PATH.** Walk among the countless villages of Montegalloy (AP) laying along the upper Valley of Stream Fluvione at the foot of Monte Vettore. **Estimated time:** 3.00-3.30 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 460 m. **Difficulty:** E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on **other** path!

**Tuesday, 31: 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!

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014: ALONG THE PATH OF THE HARVESTERS.** 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:** 2,30 h-3,00 h (stops excluded). **Gap:** 150 m. **Difficulty:** T. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

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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.**