

THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

FEBRUARY 2017 HIKES CALENDAR

THE PEACE OF THE SNOW AND THE JOYFULL CARNIVAL NOISE



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Saturday 4th: AROUND THE OLD VILLAGE. Full visit of the area around Castel Trosino, village perched on a travertine outcrop overlooking the course of the Torrente Castellano, discovering forest and aquatic surrounding environments. Round-walk time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (excluding stops) Difference in altitude: 260 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).

Sunday 5th: HERMITAGE OF ACQUARELLA from Albacina. Discovering the ancient Franciscan hermitage through the dense woods above the old Roman village "Tuficum", up to the slopes of Monte Maltempo to enjoy the lovely view on Fabriano basin (AN) and its surroundings. Estimated time: 4 h 00'-4 h 30' (stops excluded). Uphill drop: 690 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hikers).

Saturday 11th: MACCHIA DELLE TASSINETE. Easy Walk in Cingoli wood, searching for its main tree species. Estimated time (stops excluded): 3,00 h-3,30 h. Difference in altitude: 250 m. Difficulty: T (Tourist).

Saturday 11th: NIGHT WALK ON PIANI DI RAGNOLO. In the fullmoon night up to Pizzo Meta, natural balcony overlooking the southern Marche and Sarnano. Estimated time: 2 h 00'-2 h 30' (stops excluded) Difference in altitude: 150 m. Difficulty: T (Tourist). **If snow, snowshoe walk on the same path!**

Saturday 18th: MONTE S. VICINO from Pian dell'Elmo. Along the direct route to the squat and lonely Mount, so particularly because of its unique featured profile. Return through the thick forests of Finaretta. Estimated time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (stops excluded) Difference in altitude: 400 m. Difficulty: EE (Experienced Hikers).

Sunday 19th: IN THE PLACES OF THE LEGEND OF PIERO AND SARA. Along the path of the Two Shelters, in the heart of the Regional Park of Gola della Rossa-Frasassi, the land that saw the poignant and tragic love story cruelly nipped by the evil Count Revellone and which the name of the Castle Pierosara (AN) was "born" from. Estimated time: 4 h 30'-5 h 00' (stops excluded). Difference in altitude: 400 m. Difficulty: E (Hikers).

Thursday 23rd: MONTE DELL'ASCENSIONE from Polesio. From Polesio of Ascoli Piceno to the top of ancient Black Mount whose profile recalls different figures and ancient myths. Time of going 2 h 00'-2 h 30', return 1 h 15'-1 h 30' (stops excluded). Difference in altitude: 650 m. Difficulty: E (Hikers). On the way back CARNEVALE A CASTIGNANO (Carnival in Castignano): Fair of "Pizza Onta" (Greasy Pizza)!

Saturday 25th: AROUND VALLE CASTELLANA. From Forcella to S. Gregorio through Monte Sorbo, along the forgotten paths in the land of the lungo i sentieri dimenticati nella terra delle lotte tra briganti e stato unitario. Estimated time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (soste escluse). Difference in altitude: 300 m. Difficulty: E (Hikers). On the way back PICENO HISTORICAL CARNIVAL in Pozza and Umiteo, two districts of Acquasanta Terme: Zannis' Parade!

Sunday 26th: S. MARC HERMITAGE RING. From Piaggie of Ascoli Piceno to Blessed Conrad's Cave, through St. Marc Hermitage and the Devil's Finger. Estimated time: 2.15 h-2.30 h (stops excluded). Difference in altitude: 260 m. Difficulty: E (Hikers). In the afternoon: PICENO HISTORICAL CARNIVAL in Ascoli Piceno: Masks' Parade!

Tuesday 28th: MONTE DELL'ASCENSIONE from Capradosso. In discovering of the ancient Monte Nero (Black Mountain) along the side from which the River Tesino flows. Time of going 2 h 00'-2 h 30', return 1 h 00'-1 h 30' (stops excluded). Difference in altitude: 500 m. Difficulty: E (Hikers). On the way back CARNEVALE A OFFIDA (Carnival in Offida): Ignition of the "Vlurd" (typical Bundles of Reeds).

In event of snow... SNOWSHOES! Snowshoes walks hiking difficulty is defined as EAI, Hike in Snowcapped Environment.

Saturday 4th: PIANI DI RAGNOLO. From S. Maria Maddalena to Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony overlooking Sarnano and the southern Marche. Round-walk time: 3 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 300 m.

Saturday 4th: AROUND MACERETO SANCTUARY. From the Bramantesque Sanctuary to the summit of its plateau overlooking the Monte Bove. Round-walk time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (excluding stops) Difference in altitude: 350 m.

Sunday 5th: ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE GEROSA. From the wonderful Romanesque church of San Giorgio all'Isola along the shores of the lake derived upstream of Comunanza. Round-walk time: 3 h 00' (excluding stops) Difference in altitude: 100 m.

Sunday 5th: PIANI DI CANFAITO. In the beautiful and ancient beech forest of the plans between Monte Canfaieto and Monte Pulcino with magnificent views over Matelica and the high-hills of Macerata Province. Round-walk time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (excluding stops) Difference in altitude: 250 m.

Saturday 11th: PIANI DI RAGNOLO. From S. Maria Maddalena to Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony overlooking Sarnano and the southern Marche. Daily and evening walk in the pale light of the fullmoon. Round-walk time: 3 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 300 m.

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Sunday 19th: THE RING OF THREE CACIARE. From the old ski resort of San Giacomo on the Montagna dei Fiore to three caciare (cheese stores), suspended between the sea and the Abruzzo Apennines. Round-walk time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 400 m.

Thursday 23rd: THE RING OF THREE CACIARE ... WITH RED NOSE! Thursday before Carnival on the Montagna dei Fiore to three caciare (cheese stores), suspended between the sea and the Abruzzo Apennines. Round-walk time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 400 m. On the way back CARNEVALE A CASTIGNANO (Carnival in Castignano): Fair of "Pizza Onta" (Greasy Pizza)!

Saturday 25th: UNDER THE ODD MOUNTAIN. From Pian dell'Elmo of Apiro to the slopes of Monte St. Vicino, peculiar relief of the Marche Apennine surrounded by woods and privileged landmark from every part of the Region. Round-walk time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 400 m.

Saturday 25th: NIGHTWALK AROUND MACERETO SANCTUARY. From the Bramantesque Sanctuary to the summit of its plateau overlooking the Monte Bove in the night before the newmoon one to admire the sky and the constellations. Round-walk time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (excluding stops) Difference in altitude: 350 m.

Sunday 26th: PIANI DI MONTELAGO ... WITH RED NOSE! On the heights encircling the plateau between Camerino and Serravalle del Chienti, in discovering spotless landscapes. Round-walk time: 4 h 00'-4 h 30' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 300 m.

Sunday 26th: THE RING OF THREE CACIARE ... WITH RED NOSE! Carnival Sunday on the Montagna dei Fiore to three caciare (cheese stores), suspended between the sea and the Abruzzo Apennines. Round-walk time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 400 m. In the afternoon: PICENO HISTORICAL CARNIVAL in Ascoli Piceno: Masks' Parade!

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