

# 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!

**Wednesday 1: 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!

**Friday 3: THE STONE RING.** Walk in the hearth of Lost Apennine woods, in rediscovery of three abandoned district of Acquasanta Terme (AP): Poggio Rocchetta, Agore and Rocchetta. Estimated time: 2,30 h-3,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 240 m. Difficulty: E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Saturday 4: IL LAGO DI GEROSA.** An easy walk to "hunt for" birds and the other animals 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'Isola. Estimated time: 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 100 m. Difficulty: T. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on **other** path!

**Sunday 5: 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!

**Saturday 11: SNOWSHOE WALK ON PIANI DI RAGNOLO.** From S. Maria Maddalena until Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony over Sarnano (MC). Estimated time: 3,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 300 m. Difficulty: EAI.

**Sunday 12: 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!

**Sunday 12: 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.

**Thursday 16: FULL MOONLIGHT NIGHT ON MONTE CONERO.** From Fonte dell'Olio of Sirolo (AN) to Passo del Lupo, privileged balcony over Due Sorelle Beach and the southern Marche coast, under the faint full moonlight. Estimated time: 3,30-4,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 400 m. Difficulty: E.

**Thursday 16: FULL MOONLIGHT NIGHT ALONG THE CASTELLUCCIO RING.** 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 under the faint full moonlight. Estimated time: 5,00 h-5,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 500 m. Difficulty: E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Saturday 18: THE STONE RING.** Walk in the hearth of Lost Apennine woods, in rediscovery of three abandoned district of Acquasanta Terme (AP): Poggio Rocchetta, Agore and Rocchetta. Estimated time: 2,30 h-3,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 240 m. Difficulty: E. In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the **same** path!

**Sunday 19: SNOWSHOE WALK ON PIANI DI RAGNOLO.** From S. Maria Maddalena until Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony over Sarnano (MC). Estimated time: 3,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 300 m. Difficulty: EAI.

**Sunday 19: 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 25: St. MARC'S HERMITAGE RING.** From Piaggie of Ascoli Piceno to Belssed Conrad Cave through S. Marc Hermitage and the Devil's Finger. Estimated time: 2,15-2,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 260 m. Difficulty: T/E.

**Sunday 26: CIASPOLATA SUI COLLI ALTI E BASSI DI CASTELLUCCIO.** Sulle alture che sorgono ai piedi della dorsale principale dei Sibillini e che separano il Pian Grande dal Pian Perduto, sotto l'ombra del borgo posto a loro guardia. Tempo di percorrenza previsto: 4,30 h-5,00 h (soste escluse). Dislivello: 450 m. Difficoltà: EAI.

**Sunday 26: 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: EAI.

Furthermore:

every Friday sunset hikes on Sibillini Mountains, possibly with snowshoes.

every Saturday, in addition to what listed above, night hikes "hunting" for stars, possibly with snowshoes

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.  
Any possible changes and new itineraries will be promptly communicated.