

# THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

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## JANUARY 2015 HIKES CALENDAR

**Saturday 10: 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: 2,30-3,00 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 240 m. Difficulty: E.

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

**Sunday 11: 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 17: ALONG THE HARVESTERS' PATH.** From Rifugio di Altino (Altino Refuge) of Montemonaco (AP) to the church of S. Maria in Pantano along the historical Sentiero dei Mietitori (Harvesters' Path), among the woods at the foot of the impressive eastern slope of Monte Vettore. **Estimated time: 3,00-3,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 150 m. Difficulty: T/E.

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

**Saturday 18: 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 24: S. MARC HERMITAGE RING.** From Piaggie of Ascoli Piceno to Blessed Conrad's Cave, through St. Marc's Hermitage and the Devil's Finger. **Estimated time: 2.15 h-2.30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 260 m. Difficulty: T/E.

**Sunday 25: SNOWSHOE WALK ON CASTELLUCCIO HIGH AND LOW HILLS.** On the hills arising under Sibillini main ridge and separating the Pian Grande from Pian Perduto, under the shadow of the village guarding them. **Estimated time: 4,30 h-5,00 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 450 m. Difficulty: EAI.

**Sunday 25: SNOWSHOE WALK UNDER THE ODD MOUNTAIN.** From Pian dell'Elmo of Apiro (MC) to the slopes of Mount St. Vicino, peculiar relief of the Marche Apennine surrounded by woods and privileged landmark from every part of the Region. **Estimated time: 3,30-4,00 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 400 m. Difficulty: EAI.

**Saturday 31: 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.

**February Sunday 1: SNOWSHOE WALK AT PANTANI DI ACCUMOLI.** From Forca Canepine to Monte dei Signori, following animal tracks. **Estimated time: 3,30 h-4,00 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: EAI.

**February Sunday 1: SNOWSHOE WALK ON PIANI DI MONTELAGO.** On the heights encircling the plateau between Camerino and Serravalle del Chienti, in discovering spotless landscapes. **Estimated time: 4,00 h-4,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 300 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.**