

**MARCH 2017 HIKES CALENDAR**

**THE LAST SNOW AND THE EARLY VERNAL COLORS**



**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 (Hiking).

**Sunday 5th: MONTE CONERO SOUTH RING.** From Fonte dell'Olio of Sirolo (AN) to Passo del Lupo, privileged balcony over Due Sorelle Beach and the southern Marche coast. Estimated time 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 400 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

**Sabato 11: THE ROCCACCIA OF S. LORENZO AND THE CAVE OF S. SPERANDIA.** On the southern spur of Cingoli mountain, a few steps from Treia, between fortification ruins and karst caves that housed the ascetic life of the Saint venerated by Cingoli people. Round-walk time: 2 h 30'-3 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 440 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

**Saturday 11th: NIGHT WALK ON PIANI DI RAGNOLO.** In the fullmoon night up to Pizzo Meta, natural balcony overlooking the southern Marche and Sarnano. Round-walk time: 2 h 00'-2 h 30' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 150 m. Hiking difficulty: T (Tourist).

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

**Sunday 12th: VALLE DELLA SCUROSA UP TO MONTELAGO.** From shady valley at the foot of Monte Pennino with its magnificent beech forest with aerial views of the Piani di Montelago and its ephemeral lake. Round-walk time: 5 h 30'-6 h 00' (stops excluded). Difference in altitude: 755 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

**Saturday 18th: THE HERMITAGE OF ST. MARIA GIACOBBE.** Along the slopes of Sasso di Pale overlooking the wide plain of Foligno, passing by the hermitage whose frescoes, covering the small church, are one of the most valuable examples of the Umbrian school over the centuries. Round-walk time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 485 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

**Sunday 19th: MONTE REVELLONE.** From Gola della Rossa to the top of Monte Revellone through Grottafucile Hermitage, up on calcareous bastions blockading River Esino flow. Round-walk time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 660 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

**Saturday 25th: 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. Going-walk time: 2 h 00'-2 h 30'; return: 1 h 15'-1 h 30' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 650 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

**Sunday 26th: MONTE CATRIA from Eremo di Fonte Avellana.** From the thriving medieval cultural center headed by Pier Damiani and remembered by Dante in his Divine Comedy, to the highest peak of Pesaro Apennines along the steep but impressive eastern slope. Round-walk time: 5 h 30'-6 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 1.020 m. Hiking difficulty: EE (Experienced Hikers).

**Tuesday 28th: TO CLIMB UP INTO THE STARS.** In collaboration with Arkéo, Cultural Association of Montegranaro (FM), evening walk along the mysterious ridge of so-called "Monti di S. Rosa" to observe the starry sky to the naked eyes in the newmoon night. Round-walk time: 2,00. Difference in altitude: 20 m. Hiking difficulty: T (Turistic).

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

**Saturday 4, Sunday 12, Saturday 18, Sunday 26: PIANI DI RAGNOLO.** From S. Maria Maddalena to Punta del Ragno, natural balcony overlooking Sarnano and the southern Marche. Round-walk time: 3 h 00' (excluding stops). Difference in altitude: 300 m.

**Sunday 5, Saturday 11, Sunday 19, Saturday 25: 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.

**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.  
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