

# THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

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## NOVEMBER 2014 HIKES CALENDAR

**Saturday 1: MONTE DELL'ASCENSIONE from Polesio.** From the hamlet of Ascoli whose name comes from the legendary Santa Polisia, to the summit of the Mount also called "Polesio", located between Ascoli Piceno and Rotella and characterized by a particular profile, due to its geological history. **Rise time: 1,45-2,00 h (stops excluded); down: 0,45-1,15 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 650 m. Difficulty: E.

After walking: SIBILLINI IN ROSA (Sibillini in Pink) in Montedinove (AP), fair-market of Sibillini Pink Apples.

**Sunday 2: INFERNACCIO AND CAPOTENNA.** From Valleria di Rubbiano to the springs of Tenna River framed among the most impervious peaks of Sibillini Mountains, through the wonderful S. Leonard beech wood. **Rise time 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded), down 1,30-2,00 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 350 m. Difficulty: E.

After walking: DIAMANTI A TAVOLA (Diamonds on table) in Amandola (FM), fair-market of appreciated Sibillini white truffle.

**Saturday 8: THE STONE RING.** In the hearth of Lost Apennine, strolling among Poggio Rocchetta, Rocchetta and Agore, three semi-abandoned settlements in the late 50's, absolutely fascinating. **Estimated time: 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: E.

**Sunday 9: FROM THE CITY CENTER WITH THE BACKPACK.** From S. Severino Marche (MC) to Madonna del Monte Sanctuary through the Valle dei Grilli (Crickets Valley) and Manfrica Wood, coming back from St. Pacifico's Church along the ancient road among medieval states, into woods, very old quarries and a wonderful abandoned hermitage. **Estimated time: 5,00-5,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 650 metri. Difficulty: E

In the afternoon APPASSIMENTI APERTI (Open Fading) in Serrapetrona (MC): visit of cellars where renowned Vernaccia di Serrapetrona DOCG is produced, the only red spumante produced with 3 fermentations.

**Saturday 15: St. MARC'S HERMITAGE RING.** From the plateau of Colle San Marco to St. Marc's Hermitage through Blessed Corrado's Cave and the Devil's Finger. **Estimated time: 2,15-2,45 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 140 m. Difficulty: E.

In the afternoon: SALONE DEL VINO PICENO (Piceno Wine Fair) in Ascoli Piceno: the well-drinking culture and the discovery of the Piceno territory through its best wine.

**Sunday 16: MONTEGALLO MILLS PATH TO S. MARIA IN PANTANO.** Among the countless villages of Montegal-  
lo castled the feet of Monte Vettore to the Church of Sybils. **Estimated time: 3.00-3.30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 460 m. Difficulty: E.

**Saturday 22: THE MONTE PRIMO.** From Trebbio of Sefro to the summit of the mountain overlooking Pioraco and his gorge, characterized by the presence of an ancient Neolithic settlement. **Estimated time: 3,00-3,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 500 m. Difficulty: E.

**Saturday 22: SUNSET ON MONTE IGNO from Piani di Montelago.** From Montelago to the summit that surrounds its southern plateaus, waiting for the newmoon-night to admire the starry vault and recognize the constellations. **Estimated time: 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 480 m. Difficulty: E.

**Sunday 23: THE ACQUARELLA HERMITAGE AND MONTE MALTEMPO.** From Albacina of Fabriano (AN) to the mounts overhanging the Hermitage where the new Franciscan brotherhood of Capuchin Friars is born. **Estimated time: 4,00-4,30 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 760 m. Difficulty: E.

**Saturday 29: THE UNMATCHED VIEWS.** Suspended on Matelica and Castelraimondo basin, in the silence offered by the upper prairies of the Tre Pizzi and Gemmo Mountains. **Estimated time: 2,00-3,00 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: T/E.

**Sunday 30: CESSAPALOMBO NATURE PATH AND THE DAMNED FRIARS HERMITAGE.** From the fortress of Montalto of Cessapalombo (MC) to the cave of the damned monks at the entrance of Fiastrone Gorges, through the route that illustrates the secular activity of the charcoal burners. **Rise time 2,00-2,15 h (stops excluded); down: 1.30 h-1.45 h (stops excluded).** Gap: 465 m. Difficulty: E.

In the afternoon: ANTICA FIERA DI SANT'ANDREA (Ancient S. Andrews' Fair) in San Ginesio (MC): Christmas markets, artistic craftsmanship, culinary delights to celebrate the Saint who, according to tradition, was the author of the victory over Fermo in the historic battle called "Fornarina".

**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.**