

# THE TREASURES OF MARCHE: WALKING BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

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## OCTOBER 2014 HIKES CALENDAR

**Saturday 4: HOLM-OAK VALLEY AND GAGLIOLE.** Walk in an maquis shrubland edge through karst springs and hidden caves, along a franciscan path stretch and visit to Da Varano's rock.

Estimated time: 2,00 h-2,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: E.

**Sunday 5: MONTE S. VICINO from Elcito.** From perched and lonely hamlet of S. Severino Marche (MC) guarding the Val Fucina to the top of the Mount that dominates its western side, passing through the Cave of St. Francis, one of the early hermitages of the new monastic order founded by the Poor from Assisi.

Estimated time: 4,00-4,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 600 m. Difficulty: E.

**Saturday 11: PETRIENNO CAVE.** From Poggio Rochetta of Acquasanta Terme (AP), to the suggestive hidden cave once shelter for shepherds, brigants, partisans e soldiers, in the heart of Monte Ceresa group.

Estimated time: 2,30-3,00 h (stops excluded). Gap: 200 m. Difficulty: E.

**Sunday 12: MONTE FALCONE WOOD.** Walk through chestnut and hairy oak woods between Smerillo and Montefalcone Appennino (FM) until the edge of the cliff that gives amazing views from Monte Catria to Maiella.

Estimated time: 2,00-2,30 h (stops excluded). Climb gap: 200 m. Difficulty: E.

At the end of the walk a further profitable route, in search of the best local gastronomic delicacies: SAPORI D'AUTUNNO (Autumn's Flavours) in the historical center of Montefalcone Appennino (FM).

**Saturday 18: QUINTODECIMO WOOD.** From Quintodecimo of Acquasanta Terme (AP) to picturesque waterfalls on Noce Andreana Dicht.

Rise time 1,30-1,45 h (stops excluded), down time 1,00-1,15 h (stops excluded). Gap: 490 m. Difficulty E.

**Sunday 19: MONTEGALLO MILLS PATH TO S. MARIA IN PANTANO.** Among the countless villages of Montegallo 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 25: INFERNACCIO, HERMITAGE OF S. LEONARDO and HIDDEN WATERFALL.** Walk through the amazing beech wood upstream from the gorge dug by Tenna River, until Father Pietro's Hermitage and the picturesque Il Rio Stream Fall.

Time of going 2,00-2,15 h, return 1.30 h-1.45 h (stops excluded). Gap: 465 m. Difficulty: E

**Sunday 26: S. GERBONE FOREST.** In the heart of Monti della Laga, from Fotne dell'Amore along Castellano River that marks the administrative border between Marche and Abruzzo, to the barracks of the Corpo Forestale among a thousand and one colors dressed by wood in Autumn.

Estimated time: 4,00-4,30 h (stops excluded). Gap: 600 m. Difficulty: E.

For bookings, rates and info on equipment and clothing needed, time and place of departure:  
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