

DECEMBER 2017 HIKES CALENDAR

TOWARDS CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR



HIKING SCHEDULE

Saturday, 2nd - FERMO ADRIATIC COAST: SUNSET AT TORRE DI PALME and CUGNOLO WOOD. Easy walk in a rich of maquis shrubland a few steps far from Torre di Palme (FM), hanging on the Adriatic coast. **Estimated time: 1 h 30' (stops excluded).** Gap: 80 m. Difficulty: T (Touristic).

Sunday, 3rd MONTE CERESA AREA: THE STONE RING. In the hearth of Lost Apennine, from Piandelloro of Acquasanta Terme (AP) to Agore through Rocchetta, three semi-abandoned settlements in the late 50's, absolutely fascinating. **Estimated time: 2 h 00'-2 h 30' (stops excluded).** Gap: 200 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

Friday 8th: SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK: THE SANCTUARY OF MACERETO. From the Sanctuary built in Bramante style and risen on the homonymous plateau to the top of Monte Careschio which we can span the whole western slope of Monti Sibillini from. **Estimated time: 3 h 00'-3 h 30' (stops excluded).** Gap: 410 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).
In case of snow, snowshoe walk on the same path!

Saturday 9th - SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK: FROM ASTORARA TO SANTA MARIA IN PANTANO. Among the countless villages of Montegallo castled the feet of Monte Vettore to the ruins of the church of Sybills, destroyed by the recent earthquake. **Estimated time: 2 h 00'-2 h 30' (stops excluded).** Uphill gap: 250 m. Hiking difficulty: T (Touristic).

Sunday 10th: SAN SEVERINO APENNINE: FROM THE CITY CENTER WITH THE BACKPACK. A long and angaging ring from S. Severino Marche (MC) to Madonna del Monte Sanctuary through the Valle dei Grilli (Crickets Valley), the Manfrica Wood and 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 (Hiking).

Saturday 16th: GRAN SASSO AND MONTI DELLA LAGA NATIONAL PARK: IN THE DISTRICT OF THE TWO KINGDOMS. From Macchia da Sole of Valle Castellana (TE) to Castel Manfrino, the old building perched over Salinello valley, along the old border between the Papal States and the Swabian-Norman Kingdom. **Estimated time: 2 h 00'-2 h 30' (stops excluded).** Gap: 200 m. Hiking difficulty: T (Touristic).

Sunday 17th: UMBRIAN REGIONAL PARK OF COLFIORITO: MONTE TRELLA RING. From Colfiorito town center to Monte Trella enjoying the 360° views of the Plestine highlands: the paffée of Colfiorito, Cesi, the Devil Hole and the basilica of S. Maria di Plestia. **Estimated time: 4 h 00' - 4 h 30' (stops excluded).** Uphill gap: 550 m. Hiking difficulty: E (Hiking).

In case of snow ... SPECIAL SNOWSHOES WALKS!

Snowshoes walks hiking difficulty is defined as EAI, Hike in Snowcapped Environment.

Sunday 3rd and Saturday 16th: GRAN SASSO AND MONTI DELLA LAGA NATIONAL PARK: 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.

Saturday 9th and Sunday 17th: SIBILLINI MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK: PRATI DI RAGNOLO. From S. Maria Maddalena to Punta del Ragnolo, natural balcony overlooking Sarnano and the southern Marche. **Round-walk time: 3 h 00' (excluding stops).** Difference in altitude: 300 m.

Sunday 10th: MONTE S. VICINO AND MONTE CANFAITO REGIONAL NATURAL RESERVE: UNDER THE ODD MOUNTAIN. From Pian dell'Elmo of Apiro to the slopes of Monte St. Vicino, peculiar relief of the Marche Apennine surrounded by woods and privileged landmark from every part of the Region. **Round-walk time: 3 h 30'-4 h 00' (excluding stops).** Difference in altitude: 400 m.

**For the holiday season
please wait for to the initiatives proposed
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES !!!**

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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.**