

Departure and arrival:
Camaldoli

Public transport:
LINE LH3 departing from Bibbiena (Etruria Mobilità)

Support facilities:
La Burraia (Locanda Chalet La Burraia, Rifugio C.A.I. Città di Forlì) and Agriturismo La Chiusa

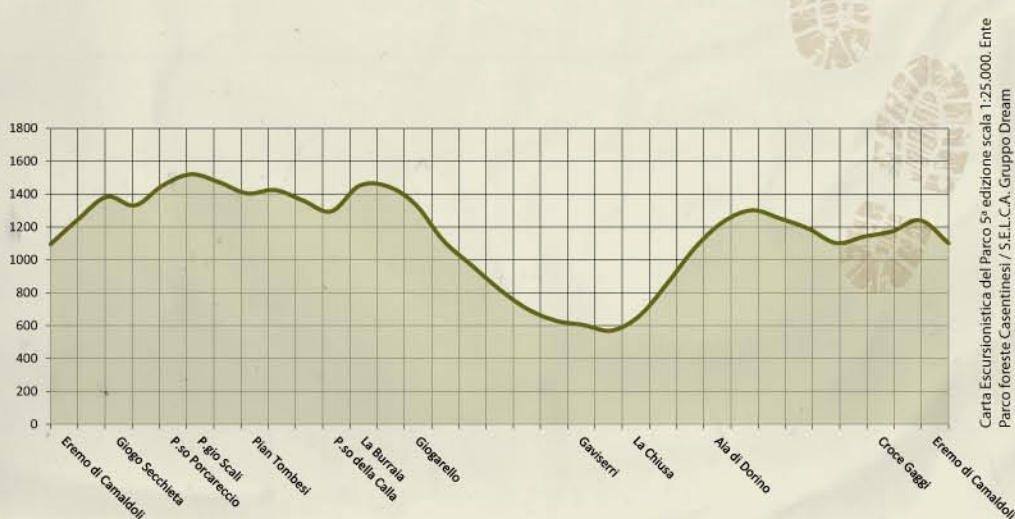
Difficulty: 3



First day:
5.5 hours, 11 km length, 650 m uphill height difference, 300 m downhill

Second day:
4 hours, 8 km length, 150 m uphill height difference, 900 m downhill

Third day:
6 hours, 13 km length, 750 m uphill height difference, 400 m downhill



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FIRST LEG > From the Sacred Hermitage of Camaldoli, on the left side of the entrance façade, the path skirts the walls and rises into the fir woods until reaching the beech forests on the ridge. Upon reaching the watershed, the route aims sharply to the north-west and, apart from a few open spaces the largest of which is Prato Bertone, the hike proceeds immersed in the forest. At Poggio Scali one cannot miss the view from the peak, which deserves a brief detour: most of the park is now beneath our eyes. Past this peak the path will generally go downhill, and will turn uphill only after crossing Passo della Calla, at the wooden kiosk which presides over this famous pass. From here, it only takes 20 minutes to reach the meadows of La Burraia, obvious proof of the ancient tradition of sheep farming and of the first skiing areas. On the peak of the meadows, the view opens up over the green Casentino on one side and on the uneven hills of Romagna on the other. Now you can decide where to spend your evening and night.

SECOND LEG > The second day's itinerary begins once again from the meadows of La Burraia. Reaching the peak of Monte Gobrendo, shortly after the Enel electricity cabin, the path turns to the right and descends until Passo del Giogarello. In the meadows that precede it, a path turns to the left but we must reach a gravel road, cross it, and proceed straight along the smaller road that follows the course of the ridge and heads southwards. Just before the landscape of Monte Tufone, the path turns to the right and at the second bend the road can be abandoned to descend towards Pian di Cotozzo following CAI path 86. The downhill height difference decreases around the 1000 metre level but the descent is relentless, even after coming across and abandoning the road again. The coverage of the forest increases, but some clearings give us some fascinating perspectives and panoramas of the Casentino forest. The usual road reappears, but this time we just have to cross it and cover the final downhill stretch of the path, which ends with the appearance of some houses. We can now walk on the main road until reaching the paved SP310 state road which rises to Passo della Calla, where we turn to the left and in a few minutes we reach Gaviserri and, a little later, to the detour on the right side of a curve, leading us back into the path and into the nature, straight towards the ditch. A wooden bridge takes us past the Gorgone stream and now, after a short walk uphill through the woods, in less than twenty minutes we can reach the La Chiusa farmhouse.

THIRD LEG > The last day's hike includes a fairly steep walk up: from La Chiusa we pass through Case Gaviserri and the ruins of Volta all'Acero. Here the beech forest imposes itself, and through the ridges of Poggio La Mazza and of Cima Colletta we approach Aia di Dorino, an important crossroads. From here we enter the forest road, which continues uphill for just a short while, and then we continue through its entire long and lightly downhill stretch, where we can enjoy the forest which surrounds us until Fosso di Pian del Varco. A wooden bridge leads us to the clearing of Capanna Maremmana, a small bivouac which is visible just a little higher up. We remain on this small road to then go upwards and reach the pass of Battilocchio, where we cross into path 76 which advances upwards towards La Giogana, but instead we continue straight until we find the paved road connecting L'Eremo to Pratovecchio. We walk for a kilometre and a half keeping to the right, until the Croce Gaggi pass where we turn to the left and return to the embrace of the forest on path 74, which after a short walk uphill sends us into the Sacro Eremo, the fitting conclusion to our hike.

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An itinerary which develops in the upper Casentino and between Romagna and Tuscany: from the Hermitage of Camaldoli the route will take us towards Passo della Calla and the meadows of La Burraia, retracing the ancient Via dei Legni, to then descend once again into Tuscany through the beautiful valley of the Oia stream.



ring route 6



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FIRST NIGHT

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SECOND NIGHT

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