

## Departure and arrival:

Corniolo

## Public transport:

LINE 132 departing from Forlì (Start Romagna)

## Support facilities:

Rifugio Le Fontanelle and Campigna

(Agriturismo Poderone, Albergo Lo Scoiattolo)

## Difficulty: 2



## First day:

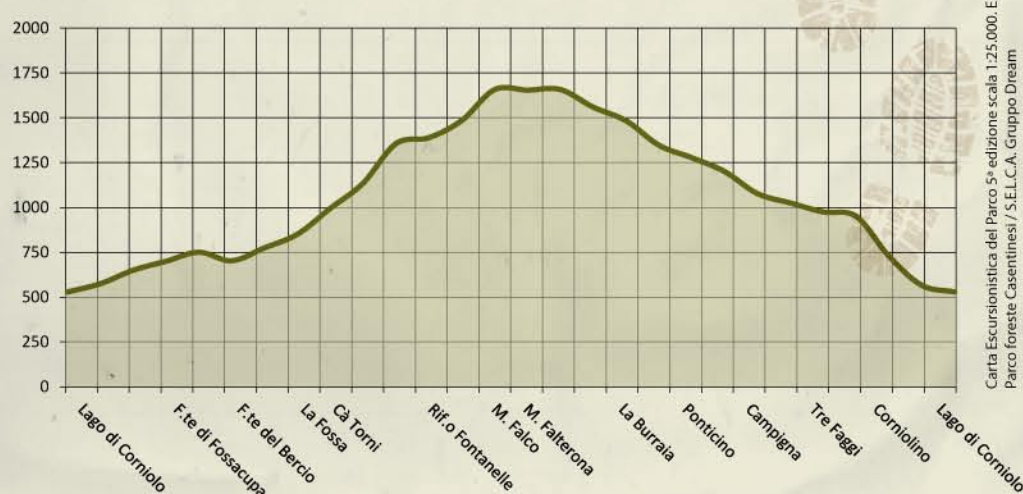
5.5 hours, 11 km length, 900 m uphill height difference, 50 m downhill

## Second day:

4 hours, 12 km length, 300 m uphill height difference, 700 m downhill

## Third day:

2,5 hours, 7 km length, 50 m uphill height difference, 550 m downhill



# Ancient paths of Bidente delle Celle



A simple ring route around one of the wildest valleys in the Protected Area, Bidente delle Celle, heading up towards the famous Ripe Toscane and the Fosso del Satanasso, to reach the peaks of Monte Falco and Monte Falterona, to then descend into the beautiful Forest of Campigna and to the Corniolino Castle.

ring route 2



## 2 • Ancient paths of Bidente delle Celle

**FIRST LEG >** This simple ring route around the Bidente delle Celle valley starts from Lago, a hamlet located near Corniolo, a small village in the upper Bidente valley. Upon reaching the gate, we head into a dirt road on the right, just before the bridge on the main road, and keeping to the left we will soon reach the barrier where our hike begins. Past the gate, continue for about 600 metres along the white road until the beginning of path 261, marked on the right with a sign.

From here, the path begins to climb up along the slope and, past the ruins of an ancient house, to the left the ruins of the Corniolino Castle will be visible on the opposite side, a landmark which will be encountered again at the end of our ring route. Past the Fonte di Fossacupa begin the famous "Ripe Toscane", a succession of rocky coasts overlooking the Fosso delle Celle, which along this stretch of the path displays its beautiful course with recessed meanders.

Heading forward, we come across the Fonte del Bercio where, close to the town of Le Celle, a steep path leads us to La Fossa, a small but characteristic unit of houses which is still in good conditions. Continuing on the left we come to a further crossroad, where a short detour from our route allows to reach Pian del Grado, a beautiful formerly inhabited village in the upper Bidente valley. Retracing our steps, path 261 begins its slow but continuous ascent towards Pian delle Fontanelle, through pastures and the ancient settlements of Cà Porcini and Cà Torni. Path 261 then joins path 301, heading upwards once again until reaching Costa Poggio Corsoio and the forest road, which quickly leads us to Rifugio le Fontanelle, the first stop of this ring route.

**SECOND LEG >** Despite being relatively short, the second day's hike leads us early in the morning to the summit of Monte Falco, along the route of the OO through Pian delle Fontanelle, Poggio Piancancelli and Fonte di Sodo dei Conti, where the now familiar Bidente delle Celle originates. Upon reaching the ridge, we continue to the right finally abandoning the beech forest which had accompanied us from the start, arriving to the prairies and blueberry shrublands of M. Falco, where some signs indicate the presence of an integral reserve due to the presence of rare arctic-alpine botanical species. From M. Falco, the highest peak of the Park with its 1658 m, we then continue towards M. Falterona, which is more well-known but only four metres lower.

Going back on our footsteps, we now descend once again to Sodo dei Conti and here, continuing along the OO, we quickly reach the beautiful meadows of Burraia. From these meadows we turn to the left on path 253 until, after crossing a paved road, we reach the junction at Il Ponticino. From here we can quickly descend towards Campigna, continuing along a stretch of the Nature Trail. Immersed in the beautiful thousand-year old fir woods, skirting the evocative Fosso Abetio, populated with its characteristic red wood ant nests, we then reach Campigna, where we can spend the night at Albergo Lo Scoiattolo. If the leg end point is instead Agriturismo Il Poderone, we recommend to continue from the Ponticino, initially on path 253 and then 258 towards Poggio Palaio, from which one may descend directly into the structure.

**THIRD LEG >** On the third day we take path 259 from Campigna until we reach Colle Tre Faggi, from which we can walk gently upwards until M. della Maestà, along the watershed between Bidente delle Celle and Bidente di Campigna. From here we then descend to Castello del Corniolino, which has been in sight ever since the first day. From the ruins of the ancient castle, which belonged to the family of the Guidi Counts and was abandoned in the fifteenth century, the path leads us through the Corniolino and onto Provincial Road 4, which we need to walk for a few hundred metres until we reach Lago, the departure and arrival point of our ring route.

## FIRST NIGHT

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