

Departure and arrival:

Bagno di Romagna

Public transport:

LINE 138 departing from Cesena (Start Romagna)

Support facilities:

Rifugio Casa Santicchio and Badia Prataglia (Rifugio Escursionistico Casanova, Locanda Carbonile, Albergo Giardino, Hotel Boscoverde, Albergo La Foresta)

Difficulty: 4



First day:

6 hours, 14 km length, 950 m uphill height difference, 650 m downhill

Second day:

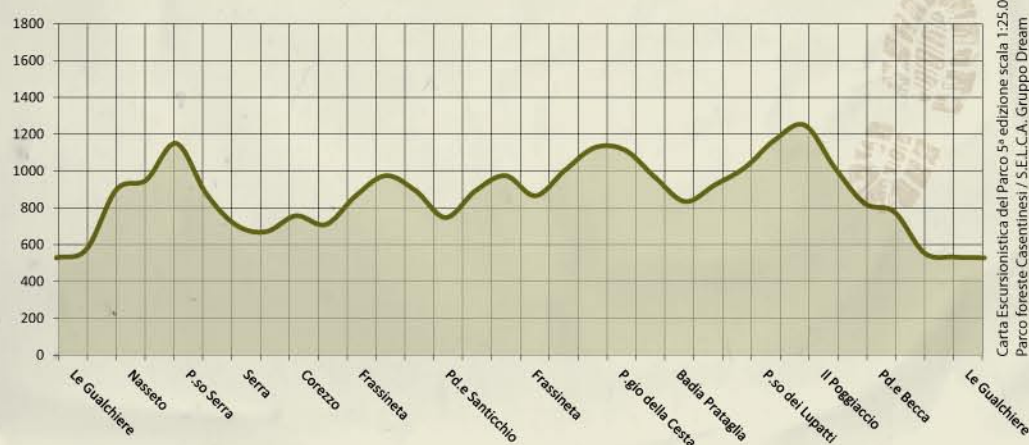
4 hours, 8 km length, 500 m uphill height difference, 400 m downhill

Second day with La Verna:

10 hours, 25 km length, 1500 m uphill height difference, 1400 m downhill

Third day:

5 hours, 10 km length, 400 m uphill height difference, 800 m downhill



Via Romea and the valley of Archiano



An interesting trek along one of the best-known historical pilgrimage roads towards Rome, this ring route retraces the Via Romea of Stade, described in the Annales Stadenses by Monk Alberto in the 13th century, through Nassetto, Passo Serra, and the small villages of Valle Santa near the sacred mountain of Verna.

ring route 4



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FIRST LEG > The entrance to the path is located in Le Gualchiere, a town near Bagno di Romagna. The walk begins from the parking lot and leads us through the ancient group of houses, following path 117. It then continues uphill on the valley of Fosso delle Gualchiere, skirting the Wilderness Area of Fosso del Capanno, a protected area since 1998 near the border with the National Park. Passing a small bridge at the intersection of the two ditches, the path begins to rise until Nassetto, a beautiful plateau and ancient settlement enhanced by a conservative restoration intervention and by the presence of an interesting bivouac. From Nassetto, the path continues through a beautiful, centuries-old tree-lined avenue and rises in a spectacular manner until Passo Serra. From Passo Serra the descent towards Vallesanta begins, and soon, at the junction with road 00, path 117 is abandoned to take path 59, which leads to the small and well-preserved village of Serra. Here the path continues to the right, crossing through Corezzo and Frassineta. We must now continue on path 70 towards La Verna, on the Sentiero delle Foreste Sacre (Path of Sacred Forests), until Poggio della Forca. Here, detouring onto path 70A, we finally reach the destination of the first leg, Agriturismo Casa Santicchio.

SECOND LEG > The route from Casa Santicchio to Badia Prataglia is quite short and this gives us the chance, for those who feel like it, to make a round trip to La Verna, recovering our backpacks on the way back from Casa Santicchio to travel lighter. The recommended route follows path 70 up to Rimbocchi and 54, with a short stretch on asphalt, up to Podere Pratalino. Then you cross the magnificent Bosco della Ghiacciaia, which leads you to the Sanctuary resting on the top of the cliff. The route continues on the original access road called "della Beccia". After the visit of La Verna the return will be on the same road.

From Casa Santicchio we will retrace our steps back towards Poggio della Forca, along path 70, and along path 70 until Frassineta. On the left-hand side of the church of Frassineta we then take path 073, which from the Quattro Vie pass continues until Poggio della Cesta. From here we descend until directly reaching the destination of our second day of hiking, Badia Prataglia. Past the bridge on the Archiano, the ascent ends next to the Abbey. A visit to the ancient church is a must, and, if time allows, also to the Forest Museum and to the Carlo Semoni Arboretum, which also allows access to the National Park Visitor Centre.

THIRD LEG > The third and final leg of our ring route first of all involves the walk up to Passo dei Lupatti. We recommend following the forest road with signpost 60 until Campo dall'Agio, and from here turn right on path 64 to reach the SR71 road of Mandrioli. From here we follow the paved road for a few hundred metres until entering path 58, which rises along Fosso del Macchione and leads us through a wonderful beech forest. From Lupatti, we continue to the left for some metres, along the Cancellino forest road, and then take ridge path 00, to then take a left turn on path 201 so as to descend until Poggiaccio. From here, taking path 185 through turkey oak and chestnut woods and old farms, we will finally reach the road to Mandrioli (SP142). After continuing briefly along the paved road until the junction with the main road, turn to the right to quickly reach the ring route departure point once again.

FIRST NIGHT

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