

### ACANDOLI - CASA ROSA (PINK HOUSE)

Start from the fork for the “**Monument to Imo and Luigi Biancalani**” (820 m.) where the dirt road begins. Continue forward on the main cart road and after a few hundred meters, take the left and continue until going along a dry stone wall near some privately held fields. The road next enters a dense fir-wood: a very evocative environment, of great charm because of its particular colors. There is a spring a little further ahead on the left and it is easy to go beyond and reach the grassy tableland of the **Acandoli Pass** (m. 860). This place, a route used since ancient times, connects the Agna Valley of Pistoia with the Bisenzio Valley of Prato and is part of the “*sentiero della memoria della Linea Gotica*” (the Gothic Line Memorial Trail), a large plan for re-developing the territory promoted by the Tuscan Region in cooperation with “*Cammina nella Storia*” (A Walk in History), an initiative brought forth from a union of a love for nature and for history. A cippus remembers the 1944 sacrifice of the partisans who fought and died in defense of the homeland. The Acandoli Pass is also a hiking crossroads for those routes going between the territories of Pistoia and Prato. A panel provides information and describes the features of the “*Acquerino Cantagallo Nature Reserve*”. There is also a picnic area on the right.

At this point, go back a few dozen meters on the same cart road and turn immediately to the left on to the first dirt road encountered. The mule track is easily identifiable and recognizable as it is found at the edge of the fir-wood and is lined by ferns (850 m.). Follow this entire dirt road that unwinds first downhill and then on rather level ground, crossing a wild and uninhabited area characterized by dense vegetation on the uphill side where fir, beech and pine trees dominate, and on the downhill side by a steep slope with broom and black locust. The itinerary passes near two old country houses (in front, at the edge of the thick fir-wood, there is a fountain). From here, the Palure Villa, better known as **Casa Rosa** (Pink House) is already visible, (724 m.), immediately accessible after the next curve. It is a beautiful building from the early 1900s with a large garden and basin. The villa, built by the Tyrion family as a hunting lodge and now completely abandoned for some time, also had Guglielmo Marconi as a guest. The route continues along the tree-lined drive, again identified by the red-and-white signs for the **CAI 18 trail**, and then across mostly flat ground, crossing over a ditch delimited by a palisade, until reaching the paved road (720 m.). From here, turn right uphill until shortly returning to the fork that was the starting point.



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# ACANDOLI CASA ROSA MONTALE



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**Starting point:** Tobbiana-Acquerino road - "Monument to Imo and Luigi Biancalani" detour (820 m.)

**Access:** from Pistoia, take the beltway east following the "zona industriale" signs and take the "Ipermercato Panorama" - Montale exit. Then take the Via Montalese SP 5 for 6 km., arriving in the center of Montale. Proceed ahead for another 1 km. as far as the roundabout and take the third street to the right towards Fognano-Tobbiana. In about 5 km., you reach the village of Tobbiana and continue for another 6 km. to the fork on the right that indicates the "Monument to Imo and Luigi Biancalani"







**Total length:** 6-km. loop route

**Terrain:** almost completely dirt roads

**Difficulty:** easy - suitable for everyone

**Notes:** nature and historical itinerary in a solitary and evocative environment passable on foot or by mountain bike (in winter, probability of snow on the ground)

**To visit:** Tobbiana - Villa Smilea - Abbey of San Salvatore in Agna

-  Start
-  End
-  Direction
-  Point of Interest
-  Caution
-  Information Point
-  Fountain
-  Refreshment
-  Panoramic Point
-  Picnic Area
-  CAI Trail

