## **ROADBOOK**

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	KM	REFERENCE POINT	INSTRUCTIONS
	0,000	Parking area at the exit of the tunnel SS64 Porrettana	From the parking area take SS 64 towards BOLOGNA and continue along asphalted road for 200 m
	0,200	Turn right	Turn right and continue uphill along dirt road
	2,700	Turn left	Turn left and continue along the dirt road
	7,500	House	Continue along the main dirt road passing through the hairpin bend
	8,300	Crossroad	Continue along the main dirt road turning right.
	9,150	Crossroad	Turn tight.
	9,900	Crossroad	Keep right towards BADIA A TAONA.
	11,800	Asphalt	
	12,350	Badia a Taona-barrier	Turn right towards BADIA A TAONA
	,	Badia a Taona	Continue downhill along the forestry road with rough sections, until reaching again the asphalted road.
	13,200	Crossroad	Continue straight ahead along the main street
	18,600	Baita del Termine-refreshment point	
		Road surface change.	Turn right taking dirt road, with rough sections, and follow the white-red CAI indication Be careful!
		Passo della Collina Vecchia-spring- refreshment point	Turn left taking asphalted road, towards PASSO DELLA COLLINA VECCHIA.
		Passo della Collina Vecchia	Turn right taking asphalted road, towards PRACCHIA.
	-	Crossroad	keep right towards PRACCHIA-MONTE PIDOCCHINA.
	-	Road surface change.	
		Crossroad	Keep right towards MONTE PIDOCCHINA
		Crossroad	Keep right along the main street.
	-	Spring	
	•	Crossroad	Keep right along asphalted road.
	.,	Crossroad	Turn left taking dirt road.
	-	Panoramic point	
		Asphalt	Continue along asphalted road.
		Crossroad	Continue right uphill.
		Road surface change.	Turn left taking path towards CASTELLO DI SAMBUCA
	-	Big chestnut tree on the left.	Turn left after the hairpin bend in correspondence of the chestnut tree.
		Landslide on path	Fallen trees obstruct the path, you must continue by foot carrying the bicycle, be carefu path with technically challenging sections
		Spring	
	,	Castello di Sambuca-fountain	Turn left to visit the CASTELLO DI SAMBUCA, and turn right along downhill asphalted road to continue the itinerary.
		Convent	In correspondence of a right hairpin bend, continue straight ahead along white-red CAI MPT path. Be careful in case of wet ground, slippery paved section!
		Taviano	Take the SS64 uphill on the right, towards PASSO DELLA COLLINA.
	-	San Pellegrino-refreshment point	
	.,	Crossroad	Keep along the main street.
	48,200	Parking area	Arrival at the starting point.





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## SAMBUCA P.SE RING-SHAPED ITINERARY

Off-road itinerary of great historical and landscape interest that partially follows the ancient Via Francesca, secondary section of Via Francigena, which used to connect Pistoia to Bologna, passing through the wild Limentra valley.

**Notes:** be very careful along the paved downhill section between Castello di Sambuca and Taviano in case of rain or wet ground. You must be equipped with spare inner tube, and kit for mechanical repairs, since there are no assistance points along the itinerary.

**Main places passed:** Passo della Collina Vecchia, Casale, Castello di Sambuca and Taviano

**Points of interest:** the mountainous landscape, ancient medieval roads, abbey in Taona, Castle of Sambuca, and Spedaletto (short deviation at km 46.5)

Water supply: easy

Mechanical assistance points: none

Recommended period: from May to October

Type of street surface: 50% asphalted, 50% dirt road

Type of bike: good quality mountain bike

**Level of difficulty:** difficult due to the altitude range, and some technical passages between the crossroad of Posola and Taviano

Length: 48 km.

Altitude range: 1054 m.

Travelling time: 6 h.

