



TREPPIO • TORRI

Start in the village of **Treppio** from the parking lot behind the **church of San Michele Arcangelo**.

Turn back along the paved road (there is a fountain in the church square) and go as far as the lower part of the village, near the fork and continue towards *Castiglioni, Campaldaio, Case Giomi, Docciola*. Go immediately left towards **Piazza Umberto I**, known commonly as the "piazza" and characterized by a small well. Continue by taking the right turn and following the red-and-white signs for the **CAI 21 trail**, until joining up with a grassy trail bordered by walls. Then, near some fir trees, turn left downhill and follow the lane as far as the "Ponte del Messi" over the **Limentrella River**. Cross the bridge and enter the wood, always following the main trail easily recognizable by the ancient paving of the old mule track that was the only road connecting the two villages in the past. The mule track soon begins to climb up steeply and has many narrow hairpin curves. It is still lined in some stretches with dry stone walls that are almost completely covered by moss. This stretch is completely in shade. Near a thick chestnut wood, there is an ancient metata, a small building used in the past for drying chestnuts. Continue past the "Fosso Grande", an enormous stone boulder; shortly after the trail joins a wider lane on more level ground where it is necessary to turn left. From here, there is a view of the village of Treppio from the opposite slope. This last stretch of wood is very easy and we arrive shortly at a paved road; turn right, uphill, and after about 1 km, we reach **Torri** (910 m.).

TREPPIO

The center of Treppio rose around the parish church but the village consists of various scattered hamlets and groups of houses set at differing heights. Treppio is at the far end of Tuscany on the border with the province of Bologna, famous for the typical "treppiese" dialect. After the Second World War, like many other mountain villages, it underwent a progressive depopulation. Today, however, because of its serenity and ambience, it is again filled with people and returns to having an especially lively existence during the summer months.

Possibility of accommodation at the Casa di Spiritualità "Mater Dei" (via del Convento, 11 - tel. +39 0573 890091)

TORRI

Torri is a typical village where evidence of the use of stone in its multiplicity of forms still remains. (The Living Museum offers hikes to the stone quarries, the largest in the area, that enable a complete understanding of this theme). Interesting sights to see in the villages are: the church of Santa Maria Assunta, the museum on daily life in the mountains (a private collection that may be visited during the months of July and August from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., otherwise by appointment c/o Mr. Renzo Innocenti tel. +39 338 2786544 / +39 0573 401261), and the permanent exhibition of the painter-sculptor Giorgio Fraino, tel. +39 338 3752047. Refreshments may be possible at the Associazione per lo sviluppo turistico di Torri (Torri Association for the Development of Tourism) (tel. +39 0573 898086) and accommodation at the "La Cà" Refuge (CAI Prato) situated a little more than a kilometer above the village and reachable within a few minutes following the signs (tel. +39 0573 898099).

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Starting point: Treppio - Parking lot behind the church of San Michele Arcangelo (680 m.)

Access: from Pistoia, take the beltway east, initially following the signs for the “zona industriale” and exit at the end of the ring road following the sign towards SP24 Pistoia - Riola. Go along Via Antonelli until reaching Candeglia. From here continue to the right towards Valdibure - Acquerino, Treppio, Torri. Go along SP24 Riola for 28 km (that passes for 3 km. in L'Acqua through the municipality of Cantagallo - prov. of Prato) until reaching the fork for Treppio. From here, go 2 km on SP42 to reach the town, then take the left towards Collina, Panigale, Castello and go uphill until coming to the church

Total length: 5 km (round trip, 10 km)

Terrain: mainly dirt

Difficulty: rather demanding because of the altitude gain but it does not have any particular difficulties

Notes: passable all year on foot, although not advisable in the event of bad weather. (In winter, probability of snow on the ground)

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-  Fountain
-  Refreshment
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