



CASTELLINA • CASORE DEL MONTE

From the **Castellina church square** (365 m.), proceed uphill on **Via Valenta** and after about 700 m., with the flat, last stretch - from which a lovely view over the plain as far as Florence can be enjoyed - turn left and, after a few dozen meters, turn right to enter the wood. Follow the main cart road that initially is rather level and then begins going uphill. Continue for about 600 m., disregarding the small red-and-white sign to the right (the trail for the return) and continue to the left on a level, sandy route.

Recently, this stretch of dirt road was widened so it is now possible to walk easily along it. However, disregard the side trails and continue as you enjoy the scenery with heather, holly, broom, strawberry trees, and ferns. At the next fork, take the right (the trail to the left ends near some ruins) and continue to follow the main road with its more compacted road bed. This route crosses through a wood of chestnut and pine trees until it reaches the first houses. Shortly after, it comes to the paved road in **Pagliaine** (540 m.). At this point there are two alternatives:

a) return to the starting point. In this case, turn right uphill and a little further on, at the end of the paved road, again enter the wood and follow the red-and-white signs, first downhill and then on rather level ground near the ruins, until coming again to the fork encountered earlier during the walk to the village. From here, go back along the same route **as far as the Castellina church square**

b) continue as far as **Casore del Monte**. In this case, turn left on the flat road, going past the fork for the "Associazione Nuovi Orizzonti" and go along the length of **Via Castellina** as far as the intersection with the main road. From here, turn left for about 2.5 km until coming to the hamlet of **Casore del Monte** (560 m.). For the return trip, go back along the same route following the directions in alternative a).

CASORE DEL MONTE

Casore del Monte is located at a panoramic point along the ridge that goes from Femminamorta to Serravalle Pistoiese and is the watershed between the hydrographical basins of the Nievole River and the Vincio del Montagnana, a tributary of the Ombrone Pistoiese. This favorable location gives the ancient center a sort of natural terrace from which to enjoy the exceptional 360° view that ranges from the Valdinievole and Lucchesia plain to Montalbano, the Padule of Fucecchio and the lower Arno Valley, across the plain towards Pistoia, Prato and Florence, to the spurs of the Apennine mountains. numerous hiking trails leave from Casore, in the midst of sometimes rather tall groves of chestnut trees, which go towards Avaglio, Panicagliora, Femminamorta, Prunetta and Marliana. The church and the museum of peasant culture in Casore del Monte are interesting to visit (for information +39 0587 55245 or +39 380 2935644).

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The hamlet of Castellina rises on a very panoramic spot, in a hilly area to the north of the village of Serravalle at 360 meters a.s.l. It is dominated from above by a Romanesque church, founded in 1159, and dedicated to Saints Philip and James.

Starting point: Castellina (Municipality of Serravalle Pistoiese)

Access: from Pistoia, take the beltway west, following the signs for Montecatini. Take the SP435 road, passing through the village of Stazione Masotti. After about 5.5 km, at the end of a straight stretch, turn right towards Castellina - Marazzano and proceed for 4 km as far as the church square

Total length: 3.5 km to Pagliaine (round trip, 7 km.) 6.0 km to Casore del Monte (round trip, 12 km.)

Terrain: mainly dirt roads (except the first 700 m. of asphalt and the 2.5 km. to reach Casore del Monte)

Difficulty: easy - suitable for everyone

Notes: passable all year on foot or mountain bike, following the red-and-white CAI signs

Fountains located along the route

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

