



CASSETTA PULLEDRARI • TESO FOREST

Start from "Foresta del Teso" campground. Go along on a brief stretch of uphill road that leads from the parking lot to Casetta Pulledrari and turn right at the first fork with the MPT (Pistoia Mountain Trekking) sign. A little further on, go past the barrier bar, and continue on relatively level ground, crossing a fir-wood to then enter a wood of tall beech trees. Upon leaving this wood, a beautiful panorama opens over the villages of Bardalone and Campotizzoro and the Reno Valley mountain range. The cart road narrows, bending left and then becomes a trail until arriving at **Pian della Trave** (1317 m.), recognizable by the picnic table with benches and by the junction with **Trail 33** from Pracchia. Turn left to follow Trail 33; the slope becomes increasingly steep but only for a short stretch until turning into relatively flat ground. Here the wood is truly imposing. Continue on, always following the red-and-white signs until reaching the former ski slope (1400 m.), also recognizable by the remains of the old lift facility. The ski slope can be used to return quickly to the starting point if the hike should need to be cut short for reasons beyond one's control (change in weather conditions, physical problems, etc.). Go past the ski slope and a little further on the trail begins to descend gradually until it reaches the **Rombiccio Pass** (1362 m.), identifiable by a crossroads with a picnic area. From here, a detour is possible by following the CAI no. 3 itinerary that, in this stretch, corresponds to the GEA (Great Apennine Hike), by climbing for about 40 minutes until reaching the **Montanaro Refuge** (1567 m.) (CAI Maresca - tel. +39 0573 65074); the descent to return to this point is about 20 minutes. (It is not recommended for mountain bikes). If not, continue to the left always following **CAI trail no. 3** downhill until arriving at a cart road that originates in Maceglia. Go along this stretch that corresponds to a cross-country ski track until coming to a fountain. From here, we can quickly reach **Casetta de' Pulledrari** (1222m.) (tel. +39 0573 629057), a pleasant place for refreshments and a rest that is situated immediately above the parking lot from where we started.

TESO FOREST

The Teso Forest extends for more than 2000 hectares at altitudes from 795 to 1732 meters a.s.l., from Pracchia to San Marcello Pistoiese, centering in Maresca and Orsigna, and from the Reno River to Verdiana. It is found north of Pistoia and south of the border with the Province of Bologna in the Pistoian mountains. Characterized by tall trees, primarily beech, chestnut, and fir, it is crossed by the Maresca River and is a hunting reserve. The fauna includes various kinds of deer including fallow and roe, moufflon, buzzard, badger, porcupine, the common fox, some wolves, as well as some mustelid species. In addition, some species of woodpecker, hedge sparrow, and redwing are found here.

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Nature-tourist loop route that unwinds entirely within the Teso Forest

Starting point: Cassetta Pulledrari - Next to the campground (1200 m.)



Access: from Pistoia, take the beltway west, following the signs for SP66 - Abetone - Modena. After 18 km., in Campo Tizzoro, leave SP66 and turn right towards Maresca. Go beyond Tafoni and the center of Maresca, continuing towards the Teso Forest for about 5 km

Total length: 6 km (or 9 km with a detour and a hike to the Montanaro Refuge)

Terrain: completely dirt roads

Difficulty: easy - suitable for everyone (the climb to the Montanaro Refuge is rather demanding but short)

Notes: passable all year on foot or by mountain bike (in winter, probability of snow on the ground)

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

