



DOGANACCIA • LAGO SCAFFAIOLO

Start in **Doganaccia** from the cable car station. Follow the **CAI 66** signs towards the typical little church. Continue going uphill, passing under the ski-lift bridge as far as the curve where signs indicate a steep but short gravel mule track that crosses the road going between Doganaccia and Passo della Croce Arcana. Beyond the cart road, the trail continues following the red-and-white signs, initially over mostly level ground and then uphill across meadows and mountain pastures. (Sometimes animals are grazing freely there and so it is necessary to pass through some gates in the fence, being sure to re-close them after passing through). The trail joins up again with the Tuscan-Emilian **CAI 00 GEA (Grand Apennine Hike)** near **Passo della Calanca** (1737 m.). From here, continue on a short climb until once again reaching the ridge where we find some ancient cippi that once marked the borders of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany. Traveling over the last flat stretch, we arrive at **Lago Scaffaiolo** (1775 m.) in a few minutes.

This charming place is one of the favorite destinations for hikers, mountain bike enthusiasts, and tourists because it offers a truly singular landscape. The lake is found in a basin, probably of glacial origin, and is dominated by mountains where the absence of vegetation has left room for the typical spontaneous flora of the high mountain, prevalently mosses, lichens, and saxifrages. The view is typical of the Apennine ridge, which ranges from the slope towards Modena (Monte Cimone, 2165 m.) to the one towards Bologna (Corno alle Scale, 1943 m.). With favorable atmospheric conditions, it is possible to see as far as the Po River valley and even the Prealps. In case of bad weather, the only significant refuge is the *Duca degli Abruzzi refuge* (tel. +39 0534 53390). This ridge, where air currents from the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic seas come together, is often subject to brief but violent storms, especially during the middle of the day, even if the day begins with calm skies.

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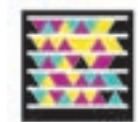
Leave Cutigliano and climb to Melo (1000 m.), a little village with a view on Monte Libro Aperto, then continue for 7 km. passing through a beautiful forest of beech and fir until coming to Doganaccia (1,520 m.), an ideal spot for whoever likes to ski in the winter and to take advantage of the many hikes in the summer. Sport fishing is available at Laghetto di San Gualberto. The Parco Avventura (Adventure Park) offers various aerial routes among the trees for children and adults (Tibetan-style suspension bridge, cableway, etc), as well as a downhill track for mountain bike enthusiasts who would like to experience a thrilling, approximately 800-meter descent completely in the forest. During the return trip by car, a road to the right after Melo leads to Rivoreta, a peaceful village and the home of the Museum of the People of the Pistoian Apennines. Continue until returning to SS 12 Abetone-Brennero in the hamlet of Pianosinatico. From here, going uphill about 4 km, we reach Fontana Vaccaia and turn on the left towards Pian degli Ontani and Pian di Novello. The trip ends in Casotti di Cutigliano where evidence remains of the ancient iron works.

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Starting point: Doganaccia (1520 m.) - cable car station

Access: from Pistoia take the beltway west, following the signs for SR66 San Marcello Pistoiese - Abetone, go about 40 km. until reaching Casotti. Turn right off of the main road towards Cutigliano. From here continue for 15 km. towards Melo-Doganaccia, or use the Cutigliano-Doganaccia cable car (tel. 0573/68699 629413) that takes about 7 minutes. The cabin holds up to 45 people and can be used to transport mountain bikes




Total length: 3.5 km. (round trip, 7 km.)

Terrain: completely dirt roads

Difficulty: suitable for everyone

Notes: natural itinerary with beautiful landscapes and panoramic views, passable on foot or by mountain bike only from late spring to fall due to the snow on the ground.

To visit: Cutigliano (Italian Touring Club orange flag) - Rivoreta

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-  Caution
-  Information Point
-  Fountain
-  Refreshment
-  Panoramic Point
-  Picnic Area
-  CAI Trail

