



PIAN DI NOVELLO FOREST

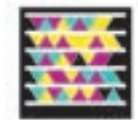
Leave from the large parking lot in **Pian di Novello**, immediately above the village. Begin the route on **Via dei Lamponi**, heading towards the hotel *"La Casetta"*, and after a few dozen meters, go past the barrier bar, near a fountain where the old ski facilities were found.

Continue going slightly uphill for a short stretch of paved road until the roadbed become dirt but practicable. The scene offered by the beech wood with its colors is truly stupendous and the benches along the route make it even more enjoyable. A little further ahead on the left, we can see a reconstruction of an old charcoal pit, an ancient method to produce vegetable charcoal and even further ahead is a spring known as **"Orto di Giovannino"** that is the name for this track that is used for cross-country skiing in the winter.

Going along for about 3 km from the starting point, we find on the right in a beautiful position is the **"Lagacciolo" Refuge** (1200 m.), which is also known as the Lippi Refuge. Generally closed because it is managed by the Corpo Forestale di Stato (State Forest Department), it offers hikers and bikers a large picnic area with a spring and a barbecue. The first part of this route is absolutely not demanding and is a favorite destination for families including children and the elderly. From here a lovely loop route begins, (it is recommended to follow it in a clockwise direction) that does not present any difficulties but a minimum amount of training is required due to the length and, although gradual, the altitude gain.

Continue straight always following the wide, main cart road passing up any side detours (the track is so clear that it is practically impossible to mistake). Although the route is long, there are various wooden signs that indicate other possible itineraries or variants.

The route initially runs across rather level ground, it next goes uphill, and then, bending decisively to the right, it begins to climb, passing through a dense wood with leaf-covered ground until it reaches the **Fonte dei Cecchini Refuge** (1310 m.). Here too, there is a lovely stone fountain and a picnic area besides the wooden refuge that, although closed, has a wide canopy that offers shelter in the case of rain. The place is certainly filled with charm: when the sunlight penetrates the thick wood, marvelous chromatic variations of color are created, and a light fog also appears in the undergrowth from humidity, the landscape assumes a decidedly fantastic air. The last part of the itinerary begins after the rest stop, first along rather level ground followed by a slight climb; it then is completely downhill until we return to the **"Lagacciolo" Refuge** and after that, to the **Pian di Novello** parking area.



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

Starting point: Large parking lot at the former ski facility (1100 m.)

Access: from Pistoia, take the beltway west, following the signs for SP 66 San Marcello Pistoiese - Abetone. Go about 40 km. until reaching Casotti, turn left towards Pian degli Ontani - Pian di Novello, leaving the main road. From here, continue on SP 20 as far as Pian di Novello. At the edge of the village, after the campground, there is a large parking lot

Total length: 15-km loop route

Terrain: almost completely dirt

Difficulty: easy - suitable for everyone

Notes: nature itinerary, passable on foot or by mountain bike only from late spring to autumn because of the presence of snow in winter. The entire mountain-bike route is recommended only for adult bikers who have a minimum of Training, whereas the first part, as far as the Lagacciolo Refuge, is also feasible for children

To visit: Pian degli Ontani - Pian di Novello - Abetone

