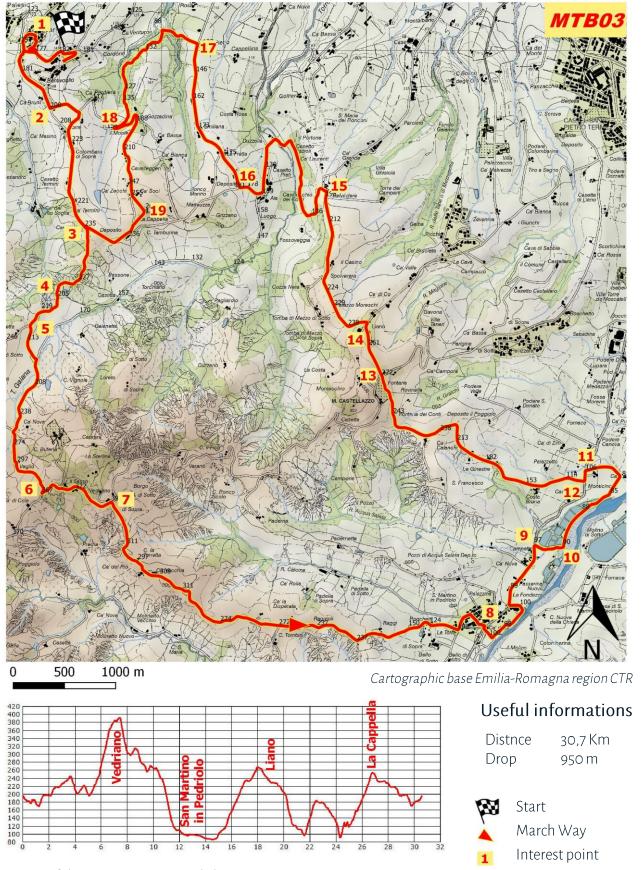


Panoramic Tour



Duration of the route approximately h5,30



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Description of the route with sites of interest

- 1. Parish church of S. Maria and S. Lorenzo Built with three naves, encloses a fresco dating back to the XV century, with a Romanesque crypt under the church, dating back to the eighth century. Leaving the Cate of Cà Venturoli, turn left, at the crossroad keep the right towards Varignana historical centre.
- 2. <u>Tower House</u> The Tower is a testimony of the ancient medieval Varignana. Leave Varignana following Via Cà Masino, then turn left on a short stretch of unpaved road; walk past the entrance of the Resort to reach the tower house and then rejoin the main street.

3. Canovetta

Continue on Via Cà Masino up to Km3 (Canovetta), then turn right onto an unpaved road.

4. <u>Monte Calderaro, Monte Grande and Monte Cerere</u> Upper limit of the Gothic line, reached by the Allies in autumn 1944, preparing the final offensive of spring 1945. Walk along the above mentioned unpaved road.

5. Via Gaianella

Continue up to the intersection with an unpaved road and two large oaks, turn left going downhill until reaching Via Gaianella at Km4.5.

6. Via Tanari

On via Gaianella, turn right and climb uphill, on a gravel road which then becomes unpaved; when you reach the intersection with Via Tanari, turn right.

- 7. <u>Vedriano</u> Medieval town on the hills of Emilia-Romagna, offering a panoramic view of the calanchi, geological evidence of the presence of an ancient seafloor. After about 1km, in correspondence of Vedriano, turn right into an unpaved road, near a metal chain along the path (CAUTION).
- 8. San Martino In Pedriolo Suburb of Casal Fiumanese, the name "pedriolo" derives from the local dialect "pedriòl" (funnel) since it is located at the entrance of the valley of the River Sillaro. The descending unpaved road turns into a path, intersecting a stretch of gravel road (about 8km), which will lead you shortly to a road over a ridge. From here, the descent heads to the Sillaro Valley and the village of San Martino in Pedriolo.
- 9. <u>Sillaro Creek</u> A natural boundary between Emilia and Romagna. Cross the paved road to continue along the Sillaro stream, then go back to the asphalted road (SP21 - Via Viara) for a short stretch.
- 10. <u>Ponds</u> Hosting colonies of aquatic birds and native amphibians.

 Approximately at km14, abandon SP21 and turn right onto a track flanking a series of small lakes, until reaching a gravel quarry.

11. SP21

Join SP21 again for a short stretch, then turn left.



12. Via del Partigiano

Leave SP21 and go up to the right along Via del Partigiano (at about km15), a gravel road which then turns into a track up to km18 approximately.

13. The trattoria

The road crosses Via Tanari at km18, in the proximity of a local trattoria.

14. <u>Church of Liano</u> a typical suburban church, built between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance period.

Walk along the road up to the church of Liano, then continue first on Via Stanzano, (in the proximity of the Belvedere, we recommend a detour to the Podere dei Campani, an organic farm famous for their stone-milled flours of ancient grains and spelt).

15. <u>Casalecchio dei Conti</u> A characteristic medieval village built around 1074 and today completely restored.

Return onto Via Stanzano and turn left on a road descending along the fields and leading to Casalecchio dei Conti (approx.km 21). The cemetery is located just up ahead, featuring plaques and educational panels as a memorial of the Partisan resistance.

16. <u>Ca' Grizzano</u> located on the left handside of via di Ca' Masino, a theatre of the fightings of the partisans against the Germans, features a little memorial.

Continue on the asphalted road Via Ca' Masino until the crossroad with Via Scorticheto.

17. <u>Gola del Rio Forcola</u> An ancient quarry of molasse stone, used for the first buildings and the walls of Varignana, it also served as a war shelter for over 300 people during the Autumn and Winter of 1944.

On the left of Via Scorticheto, it is possible to see the canyon of the Rio Forcola. Abandon Via Scorticheto (approx. km 24) and turn left on an unpaved road which turns into a footpath, initially going downhill, then uphill.

18. Rio Rosso

Reach the unpaved road in the proximity of Rio Rosso, then turn left uphill.

19. Church of Santa Maria (The Chapel) Medieval church, currently under restoration. Walk past some small rural settlements and houses up to the complex of the church of Santa Maria. Rejoin Via Cà Masino up ahead and turn right, continuing until you reach the outskirts of Varignana (approx. km30), to return to the Resort.

Legend trak points GPX

DX=Right

SX=Left

!!= Attention