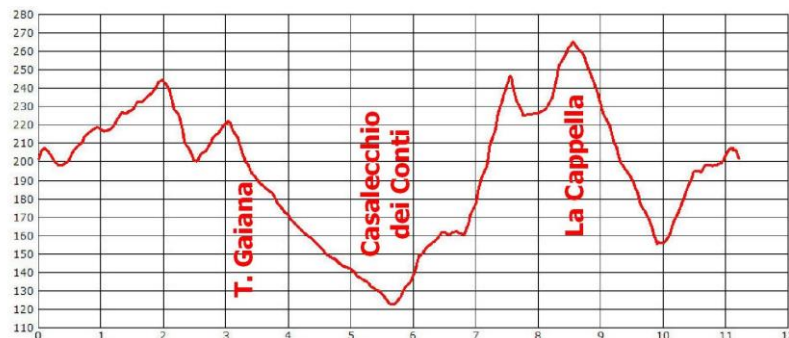


Excursion of the Resistance






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Useful

Distance 11,2 Km
Drop 320 m

-  Start
-  March way
-  Interest Point

Duration of the route approximately h 3,30.

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Description of the route with sites of interest

1. **Canovetta** *The main peaks, Monte Calderaro, Monte Cerere and Monte Grande can be easily recognised; during the Second World War they constituted the so-called Salient of the Gothic Line, the upper limit conquered by the Allies in autumn 1944.*
Leave the gate of Via Ca' Masino 611 and turn left. Proceed a few hundred metres, go beyond the Ca' Termini building on the left and walk to a recent olive tree grove, located on the right hand side. At Canovetta, turn right onto an unpaved road, that will shortly lead you to a panoramic point among the calanchi of the Gaiana Stream.
2. **Torrente Gaiana** *The path, which is wide and smooth when the ground is dry, runs along the ridge which separates the valley of the Gaiana stream from that of Rio Soglia. The environment is dry, the vegetation is characterized by shrubs, which, according to the season, give colour to the ridges of the calanchi, a grey land with typical white limestone inclusions. Typical plants include the Broom (yellow flowers), the Dog-rose (white flowers and red berries), the Sulla, with fuchsia blooming, the Crocus flowers and many others.*
The trail continues downhill until crossing an unpaved road in correspondence of 2 big oaks.
3. **Via Gaianetta**
Go on downhill until you reach the bottom of the valley of the Gaiana stream.
4. **Casalecchio dei Conti**
Follow the unpaved road north-east, along some houses and orchards. Continue on the road for about 2km, then take a short climb to Casalecchio dei Conti, at the crossroad of Via Malvezza and Via Ca' Masino.
5. **Private Church**
Turn right to reach the small church with a tower and crenellated walls (private property)
6. **The Cemetery** *Some of the partisans fallen during the fightings for liberation are buried here. The panels and tombstones are a memorial to the events and the fallen. 'The 87th and 88th Regiments of the Combat Group Friuli, together with the 183rd Paratroopers Regiment 'Nembo' of the Paratroopers Brigade Folgore, won the tenacious resistance of the Green Devils, the German paratroopers of the 1st Division, opening the way for the liberation of Bologna' (17-19 April 1945).*
Go back and follow Ca' Masino on a steep rise to the cemetery.
7. **Casa Grizzano** *This place is the symbol of the above mentioned fightings (privately property).*
Continue uphill and take a short detour to the left, to get to the house.
8. **Villa**
Rejoin Ca' Masino and continue to climb up to the point where the road widens on the right, at entrance of a villa. Here, take the unpaved road to the abandoned cemetery.

9. **The Chapel** *A 17th-century church. This spot offers a 360° panoramic view. To the south west, you can see Monte Calderaro with the antennas, Monte Grande and Monte Cerere (the area of the Gothic Line) and, descending, the Gaiana stream, the unpaved road and the calanchi of Vedriano, carved by the waters of Rio di Cuzzano; the west offers a glimpse of Settefonti, with the church bell tower, overlooking the ridge and the Tower House (Visitor Centre of the Regional Park of the Gessi Bolognesi). Finally, to the east, the bell tower of the Church of Liano, rising on the ridge. The road runs along the abandoned graveyard, turn right and descend to The Chapel.*
10. **The Ridge**
Take the unpaved road in front of the church (direction North) and walk the ridge between Rio Rosso and Rio Forcola, passing through the residential areas of Ca' Zecchi, Cavalleggeri (two columns at the sides of the road mark the entrance of the farmhouse) and the village of Il Monte with various houses.
11. **The Tower** *Mansion under restoration.*
The road descends with a couple of curves to 154 m asl, in correspondence of the passage on the Rio Rosso, recognisable by the characteristic reeds. Climb up the main road, until the intersection at the tower, turn right and go back to Via Ca' Masino and walk along the fence of the resort. Turn right and you'll shortly arrive at the main gate.