

DA POMONTE A MADONNA DEL MONTE From Pomonte to Madonna del Monte



Saliamo da Pomonte a Madonna del Monte, in un ampio anello in una lecceta con tratti di macchia mediterranea, che tocca le rovine dell'imponente castello di Pomonte e quelle dell'antico monastero, ormai nascoste dalla vegetazione. Il percorso ci regala anche un lungo e panoramico tratto di crinale, su Poggio delle Civitelle (719 m slm) , dorsale che separa la Valle Umbra Spoletana dalla Val Tiberina, offrendoci oltre agli emozionanti scorci panoramici su entrambe, il sapore delicato del Corbezzolo e la bellezza della fioritura di numerose Ericacee.

Una breve deviazione può portare a visitare anche il Santuario di Madonna della Valle, recentemente ristrutturato e sede di un rifugio escursionistico di prossima apertura.

We climb from Pomonte to Madonna del Monte, in a wide loop through a holm oak forest with patches of Mediterranean scrub, touching the ruins of the imposing Pomonte castle and those of the ancient monastery, now hidden by vegetation. The route also gives us a long and scenic stretch of a ridge, on Poggio delle Civitelle (719 masl), a ridge that separates the Umbrian Vale from the Tiber Valley, offering us in addition to the exciting panoramic views of both, the delicate flavor of the Strawberry Tree and the beauty of the flowering of numerous Ericaceous plants.

A short detour can also take us to visit the Sanctuary of Madonna della Valle, recently renovated and home to a soon-to-open hiking refuge.



Altitude difference: 512 m

Km 8,6

Duration: 3h40 (stops excluded)

Difficulty: E (escursionistico) easy/medium

Signage: none

Water along the route: none

Recommended season: year-round

Trail type: trail and dirt forest roads interdicted to traffic.

Points of interest: ruins of Pomonte castle, ruins of Madonna del Monte monastery.

ROAD MAP:

Upon reaching Pomonte, if you cannot find parking at the start of the route, you can leave your car at the church, well identified from every point in the village by its bell tower, and walk to the trailhead.

Crossing a residential area, you reach a wide-open clearing, full of fine debris from the rocks above, and visit the castle ruins. Then the trail skirts the entire southern slope of Colle delle Civitelle until you reach the pass, where, in about a km you can visit the ruins of Madonna del Monte. From there, with a short loop, you reach the pass again and continue along a scenic ridge route until you descend back to the castle. Be careful on hunting days, at the hunting posts: if manned, announce your presence before passing through.

For more:

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