

Path of the Lombards

The excursion starts at the hairpin bend, where the access road to the village begins. This circular route runs in the northern part of the municipality, between Il Santo and Lorenzano. In the first stretch it follows the Zenna stream and then climbs up the ridge of the hills. The area is a bit of a secret corner of the province of Arezzo, little known to hikers. In addition to the panoramic points of the lower Casentino and the Arno valley, the route reaches places of strong historical interest such as the Castle of Belfiore; this can be reached, with a short detour, from point 22. The itinerary is dedicated to the Lombards, the civilization that has left important evidence of their dominion in the territory; the powerful family of the Lombards de Carpinito seems to have lived in Poggio *Carpineto*.

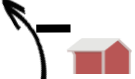
Total distance: 8.4 km

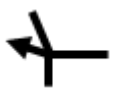
Elevation gain: 400 m

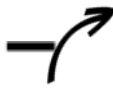
Elevation loss: 390 m

Maximum altitude: 608 m

Wp	Description	Directions	Total distance	Partial Distance
1	Lorenzano. Majesty on the left. Go right downhill.		0,00	0,00
2	Go left on dirt road		0,30	0,30
3	On the right, specimens of field maple . Go on		0,61	0,31
4	Continue on the main road		0,73	0,12
5	You enter an area full of pastures and hedges . Go on		0,80	0,07
6	House on the right. Go left on main road		0,96	0,16
7	Castagneto on the left. Go on		1,25	0,29
8	Reforestation of conifers on the left. Go on		1,44	0,19

9	Ignore the road to the left uphill (towards Santa Lucia). Go on		1,50	0,06
10	Ignore dirt road to the right. Go on		1,87	0,37
11	Old terraces on the left. Go on		2,14	0,27
12	Ignore dirt road to the right. Go on		2,22	0,08
13	House and walnut specimen on the left. Go right downhill		2,28	0,06
14	Cross the creek and move on		2,44	0,16
15	Go left uphill		2,64	0,20
16	An avenue of cypresses begins. Go on		3,16	0,52
17	Shed on the right. Go left		3,56	0,40

18	You're in the woods . Go left		3,73	0,17
19	House on the left. Go on		4,21	0,48
20	Large specimens of Downy Oak and Turkey Oak on the left. Go on		4,36	0,15
21	Stone house and specimen of Atlas Cedar on the left. Go on		4,40	0,04
22	You arrive on a paved road. House opposite. Go left uphill on a dirt road. If you go right uphill on a paved road you will reach the Castle of Belfiore (250 meters)		4,58	0,18
23	Gate on the right and left (n.213-n.214). Go left on the uphill path		5,11	0,53
24	Go right uphill		5,49	0,38
25	Go right. Immediately afterwards the two paths join		5,99	0,50
26	Go left. From this point you enter a chestnut grove		6,28	0,29

27	Go ahead and follow the beaten path		6,36	0,08
28	Go left		6,48	0,12
29	Go downhill and follow the most beaten path		6,63	0,15
30	Go on		6,87	0,24
31	Electric pole on the right. Go on		7,23	0,36
32	On the left, a specimen of chestnut tree. Go on		7,28	0,05
33	Go right		7,38	0,10
34	Go left		7,49	0,11
35	Ruins and cypresses on the left. Go on		7,62	0,13

36	Go left		7,69	0,07
37	End of the descent. Go left		7,86	0,17
38	In front of the fence and pastures. Go right downhill		7,93	0,07
39	White building on the left. Go Downhill		8,11	0,18
40	You arrive on a paved road. In front of the olive grove . Go right downhill		8,21	0,10
1	Lorenzano. Majesty on the right		8,36	0,15

Species and natural phenomena you may observe along the way:

the colors of **autumn**, **the Little Shrike**, the **Short-toed Eagle**, the **Curly Snake**, the **Honey Buzzard**, the **butterflies**, the traces of the **Wolf**, the **orchids**, the **Apennine frog**, the **Nightjar**.

