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Il Giardino is a wildlife company established by the Tuscany Region, initially for the protection of Maremma wild boar.

It currently houses the Il Giardino Sospeso adventure park and the State Middle School, created thanks to a project strongly desired by a group of promoter parents, in collaboration with the Municipality of Riparbella and the school management; the project is based on Outdoor Learning and Experiential Learning.

Our route, more than a ring, is a horseshoe, in order to avoid 4 km on the state road 68, which is preferable to travel by car especially for safety reasons.

For this we will leave a car near the Casolare Valdimare farmhouse (from the state road 68 at Km. 6 on the left, signposted for Sorbugnano and Ortacavoli) and the others in the Il Giardino parking lot.

From here we will walk, on the left of the farmhouse, along the forest road that climbs towards the locality of Nocolino.

On our right you can see the fence of the area where the wild boars were kept.

The road (unpaved but suitable for vehicles) climbs constantly through the wood, until it comes out in an open and cultivated area. From here you can enjoy a remarkable view of the sea and the plain in front of it.

After passing the La Quiete farmhouse, we will go up a little more, and then turn right at the sign for Le Debbiare.

While we look at the view to our right, we can also stop for a snack.

We then continue east towards Riparbella (at a certain point we will see the village right in front of us), along a farm road that winds its way back into the woods in the first stretch and then between farmhouses and farms.

After passing the Il Badalo farmhouse, we will find a crossroads that we will take to the right, to finally take us back to the Val di Cecina and the sea.

With the car left at Casolare Valdimare we will accompany the drivers to take the other cars back.