

1 - Anello del leccio di Righino - 8 km- 190 m difference in height

It can be reached from Bibbona by car, after the cemetery, and turning left at the first cross, on a dirt road. Before the cross, on the left, it is possible to see an abandoned windmill, standing on a hill. The landscape that can be seen from that point changes colors at every season, and it is very emotional.

After a little stone bridge, we briefly get to a parking area. When we reach the cross, we want to take the road on its left side, on the path #5. It's a road bordered by cypresses, which leads to Aia Vecchia. We leave it at Passo del Terminino (the highest point of our trip), to take the path #2, which slightly turns left. We have climbed 180 m, and walked about 3.5 km.

After a short climb, the path is almost flat. After 500 m, on the right hand side we may have the possibility to take a slight deviation to visit Podere Triesto, which is very close to a beautiful pelaga. From that point, the Sterza valley can be seen, and on the right hand side we can see La Sassa town. On the left, Casale Marittimo town stands out in the landscape.

With the authorization of the Podere's owner, we can have lunch near the pelaga. Once we join the path #2 again, after 500 meters, we can see a sign on the left: "Il Leccio di Righino, per non dimenticare ed apprezzare di più la pace, 13.09.87" (the holm oak of Righino, not to forget, and to appreciate peace more, 13th September 1987)

This sign reminds us about the story of Righino Righini, an Italian partesan in the WWII, which was blocked there by some German soldiers, and forced to dig a trench. He was about to be executed and buried in the trench, while all the soldiers but one left him to look for other partesans to execute. Righino got to kick the German guard with a shovel, and ran away, escaping from the German block.

The path ends with a downhill, which gives us beautiful affacci (landscapes) of the countryside and the sea.

When we reach the plane, we get to the rock bridge we have already crossed by car. We now want to continue to follow the path until the parking area.