


Routes

Metropolitan City of Bologna

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Via degli Dei

📍 125 km

Via degli Dei (the Path of Gods) is a thousand-year old route between Bologna and Florence across the Northern Apennines, used by the Etruscans and by the Romans in ancient times as a linking way between the two cities. Remains of the ancient Flaminia Militare, laid at the behest of the Roman consul Caius Flaminius in 187 BC, can be still admired today.

Cammino di Sant'Antonio

📍 122/145 km

The Cammino di Sant'Antonio (St Anthony's Way) runs between Veneto, Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany across important centres of spiritual significance and less known places where the Saint lived and practiced his faith at the beginning of the 12th century. Five stages are located within the Metropolitan City of Bologna across the Bologna's plain and the territory of Imola.

Bologna – Badolo

📍 22 km 🕒 6,5 hours 📏 +817 -515
👁 Shrine of Madonna di San Luca, Natural Oasis of San Gherardo

Badolo – Madonna dei Fornelli

📍 28 km 🕒 9,5 hours 📏 +1460 -1038
👁 Mount Adone, Contrafforte Pliocenico Nature Reserve

Madonna dei Fornelli – Monte di Fo'

📍 17,5 km 🕒 5,5 hours 📏 +783 -753
👁 Flaminia Militare, Futa Pass German Military Cemetery

Monte di Fo' – San Piero a Sieve

📍 23,5 km 🕒 6,5 hours 📏 +641 -1197
👁 Sant'Agata, Bosco ai Frati

San Piero a Sieve – Firenze

📍 34 km 🕒 11 hours 📏 +1.267 -1.510
👁 Trebbio Castle, Mount Senario, Fiesole

Malalbergo – Castel Maggiore

📍 26 km 🕒 7 hours 📏 +0 -0
👁 Natural Oasis La Rizza, Red Palace and Bentivoglio Castle, Peasant Farming Culture Museum

Castel Maggiore – Bologna (S.Ruffillo)

📍 21,2 km 🕒 6 hours 📏 +0 -0
👁 Monument to the martyrs of Sabbiano, Sostegno Corticella, Museum of Industrial Heritage

Bologna – Settefonti

📍 20,1 km 🕒 8 hours 📏 +878 -641
👁 Park of Bolognese Chalks and Abbadessa Gullies

Settefonti – San Martino in Pedriolo

📍 18 km*** 🕒 6 hours 📏 +614 -843
👁 Quaderna Valley, Mount Calderaro, Dozza

San Martino in Pedriolo – Tossignano

📍 17 km 🕒 7 hours 📏 +840 -676
👁 Santerno Valley, Vena del Gesso Romagnola Regional Park, Valsellustra, Croara, Tossignano

Tossignano – Cà Carnè Hut

📍 19,9 km 🕒 8 hours 📏 +1.180 -1.060

***extension to Dozza
 Settefonti – Dozza 24,1km; Dozza – Tossignano 16,6 km

Piccola Cassia

📍 144/150 km

This route retraces that part of the Apennines once used by the Romas to reach the Po Valley coming from Pistoia towards Modena and Bologna. Lombard trail from 476 to 1000 AD, the route was subsequently exploited as one of the many itineraries leading to Rome in connection with the Via Francigena. An itinerary full of historic and religious testimonies of a beautifully changing rural landscape.

Valsamoggia – East Tolè

📍 37 km 🕒 9 hours 📏 +1.722 -1.123

Valsamoggia – West Tolè

📍 31 km 🕒 11 hours 📏 +1.165 -569
👁 Monteveglio Abbey Park, Serravalle Castle, Mongiorgio Castle

Tolè – Abetaia

📍 23,4 km 🕒 6 hours 📏 +1.056 -955
👁 Rocca di Roffreno, Castel d'Aiano

Abetaia – Rocca Corneta

📍 15,6 km 🕒 5 hours 📏 +822 -592
👁 Mountain Lighthouse in Gaggio Montano

Rocca Corneta – Capanno Tassoni

📍 18 km 🕒 5 hours 📏 +1.589 -865
👁 Medieval Tower of Rocca Corneta, Shrine of Madonna dell'Acero

Capanno Tassoni – Cutigliano

📍 14 km 🕒 3 hours 📏 +563 -1.189
👁 Arcane Cross

Cutigliano – Ponte Petri

📍 23,7 km 🕒 6 hours 📏 +899 -896

Ponte Petri – Pistoia

📍 18,30 km 🕒 4 hours 📏 +520 -1131

Via della Lana e della Seta

📍 132 km

This wonderful route (the Path of Wool and Silk) across towns, mountain peaks and valleys of the Northern Apennines connects two valuable historic centres, grown in importance thanks to a wise water management: Bologna on one side, with its sluice and its many canals, undisputed capital of the silk production, and Prato on the other, city of the Cavalciotto, millstreams and fulling mills, capital of the wool and textile district.

Alta Via dei Parchi

📍 143 km

This 493-kilometre long route runs along the mountain ridges of Emilia-Romagna and Tuscany up to the Marche while transversely connecting all other itineraries and Pilgrim Routes of the region. Starting from Lake Scaffaiolo and after crossing two Regional Parks (Corno alle Scale, Lakes of Suviana and Brasimone), you'll finally plunge into the magical landscapes of the Vena del Gesso Romagnola Regional Park.

Bologna – Sasso Marconi

📍 20 km 🕒 6 hours 📏 +230 -200
👁 Casalecchio Lock, Vizzano Bridge

Sasso Marconi – Grizzana Morandi

📍 27 km 🕒 8/9 hours 📏 +1.400 -950
👁 Monte Sole Historic Park, Giorgio Morandi Museum

Grizzana Morandi – Castiglione dei Pepoli

📍 22 km 🕒 7 hours 📏 +1.100 -1.050
👁 Santa Maria Lake, Castiglione dei Pepoli

Castiglione dei Pepoli – Vernio

📍 20 km 🕒 7 hours 📏 +800 -1.250
👁 Montepiano Abbey

Vernio – Vaiano

📍 21 km 🕒 7 hours 📏 +1.000 -1.100
👁 San Salvatore Abbey, Montecuccoli

Vaiano – Prato

📍 22 km 🕒 7 hours 📏 +900 -1.000
👁 Calvana Range, Cavalciotto of Santa Lucia

Lake Scaffaiolo – Monte Cavallo Hut

📍 13,4 km 🕒 5 hours 📏 +450 -920
👁 Corno alle Scale Park, Dardagna Falls, Shrine of Madonna dell'Acero

Monte Cavallo Hut – Poranceto

📍 29,9 km 🕒 10 hours 📏 +1.260 -1.650
👁 Suviana and Brasimone Lakes Regional Park

Poranceto – Boccadirio

📍 17,9 km 🕒 5,5 hours 📏 +640 -810
👁 Suviana and Brasimone Lakes Regional Park

Boccadirio – Alpe di Monghidoro

📍 17,7 km 🕒 5 hours 📏 +720 -410
👁 Shrine of Madonna di Boccadirio, Castel dell'Alpi

Alpe di Monghidoro – Le Selve

📍 23,1 km 🕒 8 hours 📏 +830 -1.370
👁 Raticosa Pass, Santerno Valley

Le Selve – Tossignano

📍 20,9 km 🕒 6 hours 📏 +700 -930
👁 Castel del Rio, Vena del Gesso Romagnola Regional Park

Tossignano – Ca' Carnè Hut

📍 19,9 km 🕒 8 hours 📏 +1.180 -1.060

Bologna – Rastignano

📍 20,4 km 🕒 8 hours 📏 +734 -705
👁 Shrine of Santa Maria della Vita, Shrine of San Luca

Rastignano – Zena

📍 20,4 km 🕒 8 hours 📏 +772 -675
👁 Altar Mater Pacis, Via del Fantini

Zena – Loiano

📍 22,6 km 🕒 8,5 hours 📏 +1.355 -849
👁 Shrine of Santa Maria di Zena, Monte Bibeale Archaeological Park

Loiano – Madonna dei Fornelli

📍 25,4 km 🕒 9 hours 📏 +1.116 -1.091
👁 Shrine of Madonna di Lourdes, Shrine of Madonna dei Boschi

Madonna dei Fornelli – Bruscoli – Baragazza

📍 13,9 km 🕒 4,5 hours 📏 +524 -554
👁 10,3 km 🕒 4,5 hours 📏 +442 -526

Madonna dei Fornelli – Baragazza

📍 24,2 km 🕒 9 hours 📏 +966 -1.080
👁 Shrine of Madonna della Neve, Bruscoli, Shrine of Boccadirio

Baragazza – Ripoli

📍 25,2 km 🕒 9 hours 📏 +966 -1.080
👁 Mount Cataralto; Shrine of Madonna della Serra

Ripoli – Riola

📍 18,7 km 🕒 7,5 hours 📏 +802 -1.117
👁 Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of Montovolo, Riola Parish Church S. M. Assunta

How to read the map



Surrounded by gentle and unspoiled hills, industrious lands marked by waterways and a deep sense of culture, Bologna is a hidden gem in the heart of Italy.

Some places can be properly enjoyed and experienced only when travelling at a slow pace.

Bologna is a place to explore thoroughly among its historic routes and its high trails. A journey on the traces of surprising stories, ancient testimonies and a renewed harmony with nature.

Ready to go?

Getting on

✈ Bologna G.Marconi Airport

🚆 Central Train Station

🚌 Bologna Coach Station

🛣 Highways (A1-A13-A14)

How to read the map

On the front you find a useful graphic representation of the routes, while the back provides detailed information about the distances, the differences in altitude, the travel time and the main cultural and natural places of interest along the paths. The travel time is calculated on the basis of the experience of average mountain hikers with backpacks adjusted to their own body weight.

What are your suggestions for future hikers?

Organize your trip in advance (high season: April -September) by booking the accommodation at the staging points, or by finding out more about night camps. Last but not least, here are 5 useful suggestions:

- 1) Before hitting the road, double check the weather forecast, with peculiar regard to the Apennine area
- 2) Try leaving early in the day
- 3) Respect the local flora and fauna and avoid abandoning garbage along the way
- 4) Keep someone updated about your whereabouts, especially if you're travelling alone or in the Apennine area
- 5) Make sure you have the map and the pilgrim passport with you, which you can buy at the eXtraBO office, the official outdoor InfoPoint of Bologna.

What's the best season to get in the way?

There is no recommended season to explore these routes, although special attention must be paid during the summer (July -August) due to high temperatures, and during the winter in case of particularly dangerous conditions (snow, ice), especially in the Apennines.

Are there any public transport services along the way? Almost the entirety of the Metropolitan City of Bologna is served by an efficient network of public transports. The map front shows all train stations across the routes, for whose timetable you can visit trenitalia.it.

In the event that no train station is available in close proximity to one of the routes, you may refer to the bus network. On the website tper.it you find the bus timetable, together with a detailed map of all bus stops within the territory. For any emergency or request, don't hesitate to contact the eXtraBO office.

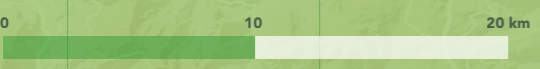


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Ravenna
Rimini →

← Berceto

Capanno Tassoni

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Vernio

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↓ Florence

↓ Carpegna

↓ La Verna