



MONTALBANO • SASSO REGINO • TOWER OF S. ALLUCCIO

Start from the village of **Buriano, Via Leonardo da Vinci**. Proceed on the paved road that climbs gently towards the hills, admiring the green, cultivated hill tops as far as **"Rocca del Maestrino"** (288 m.) where the dirt road begins. Here there is an extraordinary 180° panorama across the whole plain that offers visitors a complete view of the entire district. The route continues on a wide cart road and is flanked by olive groves that give way further on to thick vegetation that progresses in rectilinear stretches with broad hairpin turns. Near one of the latter, where the road seems to end in a broad open area, it continues on a mule track to the left that then goes uphill. After about 100 m., near a sharp curve to the right, there is a detour to the left for the **"Sasso Regino"**. From here, the trail becomes narrower and crosses through a dense wood, primarily of black locust, ferns, and pines; we shortly reach the palisade that leads to the spring of the same name (450 m.), which is found in an apparently wild spot but with a very special charm (the municipality recently restored it with the assistance of the Alpini Group of Quarrata). After a short stop, continue uphill, walking in a sort of green "tunnel" of vegetation. The trail first narrows and then becomes wider at the end of the climb. The last stretch on rather level ground crosses a wider cart road that, with a slight turn to the right for a few meters, must be passed until arriving at a shady tableland with a picnic area. A little further on, there is a broad, dirt square that is dominated by a metal cross and, on the right, the remains of the **tower of Sant'Alluccio** (530 m.). We arrive at the tower and then go down a few dozen meters until crossing the main cart road with a more compacted road bed, identified as **"CAI 300" trail**. From here, turn right and, after crossing a stretch of the level ridge and a series of short descents, continue to the right at a "T" intersection. Here too, after a stretch of relatively flat ground, we begin a descent that leads again to the fork for the **"Sasso Regino"**, the same one that was encountered earlier during the trip. At this point, take the return route, following it in reverse to return to Buriano.

TOWER OF SANT'ALLUCCIO

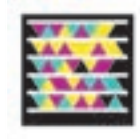
Tower of Sant'Alluccio. It was erected three centuries before the year 1000 and given a beautiful crenellated tower that today is destroyed. The entire construction is in a complete state of abandon. It served as a refuge for numerous travelers who at that time were crossing wilderness areas: it was a period with many dangers, including that of being attacked by the bandits who laid in wait in the hills. Annexed to the ancient hermitage, there was a chapel that over the course of the centuries was transformed into a rustic building for use by the peasants who lived there after the complex had lost its primary function. Legend has it that it was built by the French monk Alluciem who, with his two companions Justis and Barontes, left the monastery in Cluny, from which was derived the name of the order to which they belonged: Cluniac. The three monks moved to these hills in three different locations. Each one built a chapel and a hermitage.

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Very panoramic itinerary that arrives at the ridge of the Montalbano hills

Starting point: Buriano (205 m.) (Municipality of Quarrata)

Access: take the beltway east and follow the signs SS 66 for Florence. Go 11 km to Olmi and turn right at the traffic light following the signs for Quarrata (Via Montalbano), arriving at Piazza Risorgimento, continue for 3 km. (Via FOLONICA and Via di Buriano uphill) following the signs for Buriano

Total length: 9 km.

Terrain: mainly dirt

Difficulty: easy - suitable for everyone

Notes: passable all year round on foot - passable in mountain bike but demanding and narrow in the short Sasso Regino - Torre di S. Alluccio stretch

To visit: Quarrata ("city of furniture") and Villa La Magia (www.villalamagia.com)

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