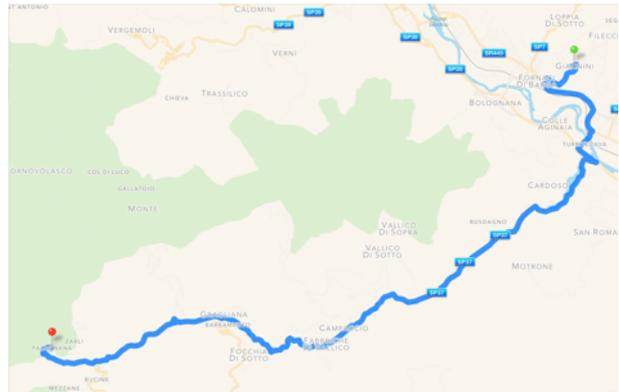


Monte Croce

1314m

From Palagnana and San Pellegrinetto

Monte Croce is an easily-climbed, grassy sided mountain which gives good views over the sea and across to The Pania peaks. There are two routes described below. The route from Palagnana (17km from Filecchio) is the easiest of the two.



Palagnana route.

The route described starts from the village of Palagnana and provides a fine circular walk taking in Foce Porchette, Monte Croce, then down to Il Termine, returning to Palagnana.

Firstly, follow route 8 for about 3km until you arrive at the beautiful views at Foce delle Porchette. Here it is necessary to retrace your steps for 100m in order to

pick up route 108. I have neglected to do this on both occasions I have walked this route, resulting in some scrambling up large boulders towards Monte Croce. From route 108 there is a well worn track up to the summit of M Croce (1312m) but this climb can be missed you keep on the way marked route. The return to Palagnana is along route 135 passing through an important junction of paths, called Il Termine. It is the meeting point of three ancient tracks and is marked by a small shrine, typical of the 'Mattinata' found by waysides. Continue back to Palagnana through the hamlet of Pioppo.



The Pania with Monte Croce on left

San Pellegrinetto route

The route described is from near the picturesque, small hamlet of San Pellegrinetto high in the mountains opposite The Pania. The village is now depopulated, having only 15 residents, but in living memory it had a population of many hundreds.

The road to San Pellegrinetto is dreadful even by local standards. It is single track, has suffered minor landslides, has rocks strewn on the road, and occasionally the Tarmac runs out.

To take this route, go to Fabbrico di Vallico. Go through the village and continue for a few kilometres before turning sharp right up into the mountains. Good luck!

San Pellegrinetto is about 7 kilometres up the road from Palagnana. The road ends at the church where there is a good carpark. The village is spread out and has no shop or bar.



The route to Monte Croce is signed 135 in the usual CAI red and white. It begins at 1 Kilometre before you reach the village at a lay-by marked Alla Margine with the distinctive red and white marks. There is a good parking space.

The walk is well waymarked and contours up and around a big hill through beech woods which give good shade. The views to The Pania are superb.

After about fifty minutes Il Termine junction is reached. There is a signpost indicating Foce Porcette, path 108, straight on at 1Hour 10 minutes distance. This is also the path to Monte Croce which is reached after 20 minutes.



The path to the left is signposted Palagnana at 1.10 minutes distance.