

PATH 001 – THE “ARIMINENSIS” ROAD

HISTORIC NOTES.

The Ariminensis road was a Roman military street, built at the end of the 3rd century b.C. more or less on the layout of an ancient way linking Arezzo and Rimini, which allows both a quick moving of legions and an easier commercial transit between Etruria and Val Padana.

After crossing the Tiber in the proximity of Pieve Santo Stefano, it probably had two variations to enter Valmarecchia: the Major road (which went back up to Passo di Viamaggio, then climbed down to Ranco after crossing the territory of Badia Tedalda and followed the Marecchia to reach for Verucchio and Rimini); the Frassineto road (beyond the crossing passage of the same name touched the current territories of Caprile, Fresciano and Rofelle to reconnect the Major road in Ranco).

Indeed, for centuries Ranco was an important crossroads of waters and history; a rest stop in both Salt and Fish sellers roads towards the abbeys of Camaldoli and Montecoronaro; a custom house but also a place for local fairs and open-air markets; the traditional hangout to meet the inhabitants of the surrounding Romagna, Marche and Tuscan valleys; the most important ford which allowed the transit between the two valleys at the Apennine sides.

The path, dedicated to the Roman street linking Arezzo and Rimini – known as the *Ariminensis road* – begins in Badia Tedalda from the Memorial Park over the sport fields. Follow the street for Tramarecchia for about 1 km, then turn right to insert the old street climbing down to San Patrignano and going on till the paved street towards Rofelle (near the bridge on the Marecchia). Climb down, then cross the bridge and go back up towards Rofelle for about 700 m. Now leave the paved street and turn right to take that one towards Giuncheto, then turn right again to insert the path CAI 15 to climb down and ford a stream.

Now the indications are lost on an uncultivated field, but if you follow its extremity marked by the wood, thanks to a wide right curve you can find the indications again, before the ford on the Marecchia (you can easily see the indications for the ford by crossing diagonally the field beyond the bump). It is the path CAI 15 again that leads to Ranco at the joining between the Marecchia and the Presale.

From Ranco, go on the path CAI 15 tracing the historical Roman way towards Mondatio, and then go straight till the paved street from Badia Tedalda to Rofelle. When you arrive there, turn left and come back to Badia in about 1 km.

TOTAL LENGTH – 7,5 km

TOTAL UPHILL GAP – 300 m

WHITE AND RED INDICATIONS + ARROWS TO INDICATE THE WAY

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