

Forest, flora and fauna

Campo ai Meli



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Type: Hiking, On Horseback | Difficulty: T | ⬆️ 65 m | ⬆️ 47 m | ⇄ 1 km

Località di partenza e arrivo: -

The starting point of the route can be reached from the villages of Libbiano, Micciano and Serrazzano, taking the easy dirt road that leads to the Monterufoli Reserve.

Here, near the Villa di Monterufoli you will find the start of a short route, to be taken on foot or on horseback to discover ancient forests and evidence of agricultural activities.

The cultivated and woodlands areas are particularly useful for the fauna that you will easily spot in the meadows of Campo ai Meli. Old fruit trees bear witness to their agricultural past, while the forest, all around the clearing, offers us true rarities among trees like the yew (*Taxus baccata*), an atypical conifer that loves shade and coolness, adorned with red berries instead of pine cones.

The leaves and seeds are poisonous, which is why the plant is also known as the Tree of Death. Its presence, together with that of laurel and holly, is thought to be evidence of tropical flora from before the Ice Ages.

Points of interest



1. Campo ai Meli Naturalistic feature

An open environment that is very important for wildlife also due to the presence of springs and a small wetland. The presence of isolated fruit trees testifies to the past agricultural use at the time of the Monterufoli estate.



2. Viewpoint towards Campo ai Meli Viewpoint