

Montecastelli and Bocca di Pavone



Agricultural landscape

Forest, flora and fauna

Geology, mines and minerals

Rivers and Streams

Villages, villas, parish churches and castles

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Type: Hiking | Difficulty: E | ⚓ 420 m | 🏠 316 m | 📏 11 km

Località di partenza e arrivo: -

There are few places like Montecastelli Pisano. Here you can travel back to the Middle Ages, either by walking through the village (which has remained virtually unchanged over the centuries), or by enjoying the panorama, which goes from the upper Val di Cecina to the sea with no trace of human dwellings in between. From Montecastelli we move into the woods, and then along slopes and ridges, amidst the intense green of the meadows and the purple-white of the metamorphic rocks, which show the geological and mineralogical diversity of this area. After passing Cerbaiola, a rural centre where you can still breathe in the rural life of the past with farmhouses, old agricultural tools and grazing cattle you will finally, descend to Bocca di Pavone, where the homonymous stream flows into the Cecina river at the mouth of a rocky gorge, one of the best wild nature spots in all Tuscany.

Points of interest



1. Village of Montecastelli Pisano

Historical-cultural feature

Situated on the top of a hill, the village, in the municipality of Castelnuovo Val di Cecina, overlooks the Pavone stream and the Cecina river. Built from a medieval castle and dominated by the ancient Pannocchieschi tower, the village retains its ancient structure. The Church of Santi Filippo e Jacopo and the Museum of Rural Civilisation are valuable. The area is really interesting for its historical and natural features: the Florentine Caves, the remains of the copper and silver mines of Pavone and the ancient Etruscan Buca delle Fate tomb are certainly worth a visit. Read more...



2. Viewpoint towards Pavone Valley and Rocca Sillana

Viewpoint

Wide view of the Pavone stream valley and the medieval fortress of Rocca Sillana



3. Geosite, cliffs along the Cecina

Geosite - mining archeology

Characteristic cliffs originated by fluvial erosion phenomena along the course of the Cecina river



4. Agro-sylvo-pastoral landscape at the Cerbaiola farm

Silvicultural aspects, Agricultural landscape

Wild pastures on the Cerbaiola farm, an ancient landscape that also fuels new economies



5. Viewpoint towards Cecina Valley and Monteguidi

Viewpoint

View of the village-farm of Cerbaiola and the Cecina Valley towards the village of Monteguidi (municipality of Casole Val'Elsa)



6. Viewpoint towards Volterra and Montecatini Viewpoint

Wide view of the middle Val di Cecina, as far as Volterra and the hills between Montecatini and the sea