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### *the municipality of Castiglione Tinella*

This small village, whose history begins around 1000, is located in the Lower Langa at 408 meters above sea level and is home to just 900 residents who live in the residential complex, developed around the old village core, and in seven localities or hamlets giving their names to the different relevant hills: San Carlo, Brosia, Manzotti, Valle Francesca, Balbi, San Martino and San Giorgio. The total area of the municipal property is 11.57 sq km, it is almost completely covered by vineyards and is crossed by 33 km of provincial and municipal roads, to which numerous country little roads are added. In addition to the famous Shrine dedicated to the Madonna del Buon Consiglio, the old parish church and the imposing new church of S. Andrea, on the territory there are several rural small churches and votive shrines: some of the religious buildings can be visited by appointment or when they are open for services. At the town hall are the museum, with the collection of works by Immacolata Fogliati, and the library, which has a literary section devoted to the Countess of Castiglione, historical character of the village. The art of Castiglione can be discovered also visiting by appointment the private art workshops of Roberto di Giorgio and Manuela Incorvaia (works in raku ceramic) and of Lorella Morando (paintings); then it is also possible to visit the small winery-museum of the Arfinengos. The different businesses offer their services and the possibility to purchase goods and products that interpret also the typicality of the area.

### *the Bottega del vino Moscato*

Born in November 1999, the association brings together several wine producers of Castiglione, often with an important historical background well known around the world, who express in the best possible way the great quality of this area of excellence for the cultivation of Moscato grapes, and therefore the transformation in two prestigious wines: the Moscato d'Asti DOCG and the Asti DOCG. Of course, the production of these partnered wineries also extends to other wines, fruit of a magical and magnificent land, with an ancient history and a food and wine culture of great quality. The Bottega del Vino Moscato is based at the Osteria Verderame, in the historic centre of the village, where there is a wide choice of Castiglione wines; this association of producers also offers the sweet Contessine: cookies with hazelnuts from the Langhe that beautifully accompany the Moscato d'Asti wine. The intent of the association is aimed at consolidating an identity that combines the product and its territory.

### *the Countess of Castiglione association*

It was founded in 1997 and manages the organization of several events aimed at developing the social relations within the community of Castiglione, to preserve the memory of the traditions of this land and offer tourism the best image of our historic and landscape heritage enhancing its content. The name of the association evokes the noble Virginia Oldoini Verasis Asinari, wife of Count Francesco Verasis Asinari, who played a leading role in the costume and historical scene of the second half of the nineteenth century.

### *the events organized every year*

Organized by the Municipality, together with the Countess of Castiglione Association and the Bottega del Vino Moscato, many events take place during the year in this village: Polenta e Contessa (April) combines the historical reconstruction with popular food and wine, the Festa Patronale di San Luigi (the week-end corresponding to or after June 21) contains musical events, art exhibitions, quad rally and food and wine meetings; the musical revue called Un Palco tra le Vigne (the last three Mondays in July) presents concerts of high artistic level; By Virginia (the first Monday in August) is a fashion show inspired by the Countess of Castiglione; the Festa del Santuario (in September) follows the religious tradition and offers artistic exhibitions, concerts, dialect theatre and convivial dinners. Other cultural events, or ones specifically addressed to young people, are planned throughout the year in variable dates.

For further information you are advised to consult the website or ask the municipal offices or the accommodation facilities for the explanatory booklet that tells the village in different languages.



## *walking among the vineyards*

These four touristic and naturalistic paths depart and arrive in the central Piazza XX Settembre and are distributed along the hills of Castiglione covered with Moscato vineyards, between natural rocks and small woods; they extend largely on dirt roads, sometimes even within the rows of vines and on some stretches of asphalt roads to be used as connections; some are passable on foot and two of them, the longest, are also suitable for mountain biking; in addition, for animal lovers, there is the possibility to walk in the company of goats, donkeys and horses. Along the routes it is possible to encounter two types of signs: some, in the most important crossroads, report the name and colour of the path with the direction to be followed, while others, more numerous and positioned more "internally" with respect to the paths, only report their colour and direction. Along some paths there are panoramic areas equipped for rest and also every path passes close to small rural churches, wineries, farm holidays, restaurants or hotels; one of them runs along the Shrine dedicated to the Madonna del Buon Consiglio.

If weather conditions do not compromise the integrity of the soil in the dirt stretches of road, the paths are passable all year round, but it is advisable to avoid the winter months and always wear suitable footwear. When walking on paths in open countryside it is not advisable to change the direction indicated, especially in the vicinity of natural rocks, to prevent safety hazards. It will also be important to pay attention to our farmers who move between the rows of vines with mechanical means to carry out various operations; the properties of the producers must be respected and not damaged in any way, without of course gathering any fruit or produce. In a few months of the year the vineyards are subjected to pesticide treatments, even with the use of aircraft.

The route courses bear the name of four people, dear to our village, who have contributed their efforts in promoting and enhancing our territory. In this book, the maps "tell" every route by offering directions and description of the path followed. Among these pages it is also possible to find information to reach the places where enjoy our excellent cuisine and where stay; these, as well as the many wineries that are part of the association Bottega del Vino Moscato, can be reached along the paths or at another time. It is advisable however to telephone for confirmation prior to arrival.



### *the environment*

Until about 15 million years ago this area was submerged by sea water and sediments that were deposited over time and that now constitute the sandstone and clay layers of the Langhe; in particular, the Castiglione hills area is formed by compact blue banks of marl, that is the land that in our dialect we call "tuv" and that, because of its characteristics combined with local climatic environment, is greatly suitable for the production of the vine. Rocks or gullies, visible around the village of Castiglione, deeply cut the hillside and are a result of the erosion of soil carried out by water over time; this process is expected to continue to change in the future and thereby changing the morphology of the area. The areas of the rocks are dangerous for the steepness and depth and are therefore inaccessible.

### *the vineyards and the moscato grape*

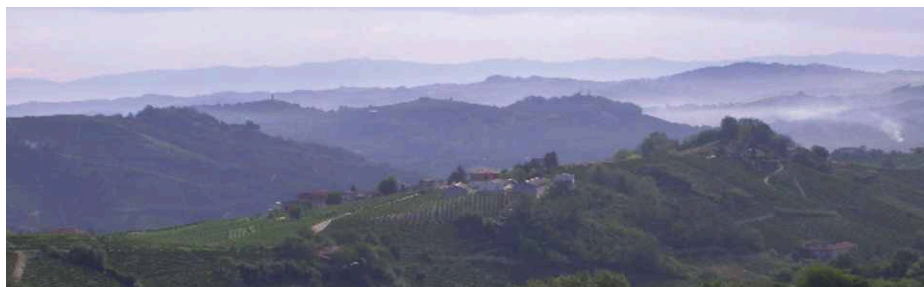
In this small Village there are the best vineyards of Moscato that the territory is home for many centuries; generations of farmers have been clinging to the hills to grow this vine that is now present on 90% of the agricultural area of the village and that offers, at each harvest, around 7 million bottles of wine to be enjoyed around the world. The Moscato grape, which comes from the

Moscato Bianco of Canelli, is characterized by sweetness and heady musky aroma of immediate, full and original fragrance; from its juice two great wines are primarily obtained: the Moscato d'Asti and the Asti, that are protected by the designation of controlled and guaranteed origin (DOCG), two high quality products, unique and prestigious. Characteristic of both wines is the rich and intense aroma with notes that remind of acacia, wisteria and orange flowers, in short, the tastes and aromas of the grapes that are kept here. From the Moscato grape also come the Moscato Passito and the traditional Grappa.



### *the fauna*

The small woods of Castiglione are easy hiding place for Roe Deer, Wild Boar, Fox and Gray Squirrel (the red one, native, is almost disappeared): these are animals very common on these hills with the hare, the red grouse, the dormouse and the badger. The bird population counts of about eighty species of resident and migratory birds: it is much easier to see the Buzzards circling over our vineyards where sometimes also other diurnal raptors arrive, such as the Kestrel, the Goshawk or the Honey buzzard; in spring and summer, with a little luck, it is possible to spot the beautiful Hoopoe or the Bee-eater with its wonderful colours. The forests of the small valleys are home to the Green Woodpecker and the Great Spotted Woodpecker, the Dove, the Blackbird and the Nightingale. Among the vineyards Serins, Wagtails, Flycatchers, Tits and Robins flutter, while at night it is possible to hear the Scops Owl, the Tawny Owl, the Little Owl and the Long-eared Owl.



### *trees and self-sown vegetation*

On the bottom of the small valleys, on whose sides are the vineyards, small woods resist (in dialect they are called "Rive") where it is possible to encounter Poplars, Oaks, Downy oaks, Hazels, Walnut-trees and False Acacia: the latter (known as "Gaggia"), together with the Ailanthus, is an exotic tree species now familiar in our landscape. Here and there it is also possible to encounter the Azarole (in dialect "Gazarola") and the Medlar-tree (in dialect "Pocio") which at fall bear fruits of sweet and sour taste and rich in vitamins. Now fruit trees like Peach, Pear, Plum and Apricot ones are rare, once they were widespread and present in the vineyards around the farm; it is maybe easier to encounter some Willow or Olive trees (more than four hundred today are in the municipal area), and some Cherry or Hazel trees that once gave a major production. Under the village of Castiglione, to the east, there is the more intense scrub forest (the "Badia") that offers, in addition to the above-mentioned trees, the Chestnuts, White Hornbeams, Beeches, Maples, Wild Cherry trees and some Scots pines. In early spring warmth hedges enliven streets and paths with colourful and fragrant flowers: the Blackthorn, whose fragrant white flowers cover the branches still without leaves, the Hawthorn, less prickly and with a candid later flowering than the last one mentioned. It is frequent to find in the hedges the roses (Dogrose, French rose) with their simple five petal flowers ranging in colour from light pink to purple: at fall fleshy red-orange fruits, known in dialect as "gratacù", ripen. The vegetation that grows close to the road embankments includes tree species such as the False Acacia and the Elder, the latter known for its showy white flowers that turn blackish in autumn with abundant fruits with which it is possible to prepare tasty jams. Among the herbaceous plants, in spring the Soapwort stands out with its pink flowerings, as well as the golden yellow Spanish Broom, the Wormwood, the medicinal Milfoil and the Tansy, without forgetting Amaranth. Aromatic herbs such as Thyme and Salad burnet spread by crawling into the sunnier areas. Red Poppies colour throughout the summer the slopes and the country lanes. In the meadows the dominant species belong mainly to the families of Gramineae (Poa, Fescue) and Compositae, some of them are known for their use in cuisine: the Dandelion ("Pisacan"), the Goat's Beard ("Barbaboc"), and the Corn Salad ("Sarzet"): in spring, when newly sprouted, they are ingredients for very tasty salads! Daisies, Milfoils, Clovers and meadows Sage, with showy blue flowers, are constantly visited by bees. In the vineyards, the richness of our land, rapid development grasses, with abundant production of seeds, prevail: the Stichwort, the blue "Forget-me-not" (Myosotis), the purple wild onions (Muscari, known as "Cucu"), the Star of Bethlehem (Ornithogalum) with the white star-shaped flowers and several types of wild Garlic. In the cool shade of the woods, and in particular in the chestnut woods, it is very easy to encounter the Bracken, spring flowerings of primroses, violets, windflowers, bluebells and some rare wild orchids (Orchid maculata, O. mascula, O. purpurea); but also the autumn offers beautiful colours and precious treasures: the truffles (white and black) and the mushrooms (ceps, royal agarics, chanterelles); the first live in mycorrhizal symbiosis with Oaks (Durmast and Common Oaks), the latter with Chestnut trees. The varieties of flowers and spontaneous herbs, that it is possible to encounter and observe along our paths, are beautiful to the delight of the eyes and often useful for their medicinal and culinary properties.

Nature trails among the vineyards of Castiglione Ti nel la



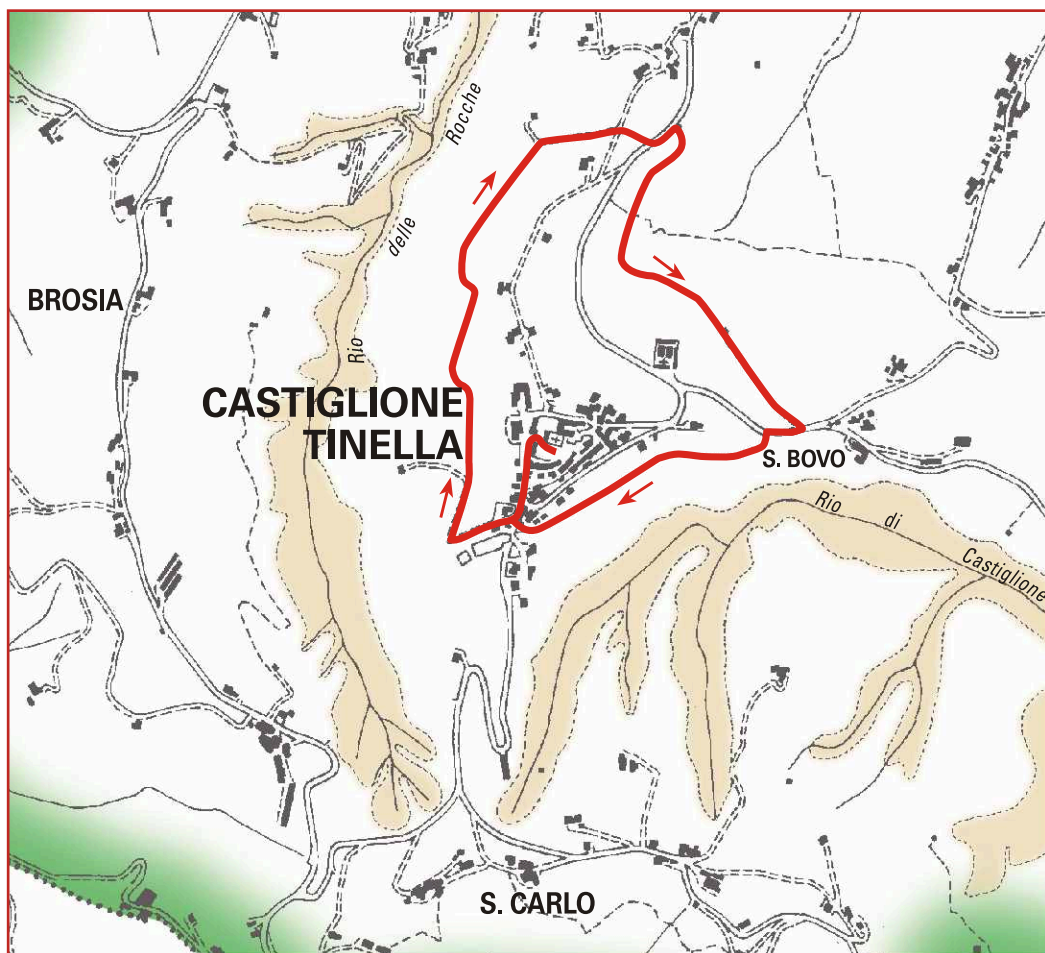
# Sandro Bobbio path

## route

From the central square of the village, passing behind the school building, get on the road 51 south, toward Mango, but after only about twenty meters, turn right on a slope between the houses going into the vineyards, near an old walnut tree keep the right following the road until you leave it for a headland in the vineyards you find in front of you. Then cross a large portion of vineyards at the hillside and at the sign turn left downhill, then right into the little road above. Continue along the road through the vineyards until you meet a large headland downhill: cross it and go straight in a row; at the end of the row descend the left row for about 25 m; at this point turn right into a road between the rows that continues straight along the side of the hill. Then the passage narrows in a row of a small and old vineyard arriving to the road. Climb to the right, bypassing from behind a farmhouse to get to the asphalt little road with a left turn. Here, after crossing the asphalt, get to the road in the vineyard that descending leads to the large main road. Descend it right for about 50 m. and, at a small typical structure, get into a dirt road descending on the right; follow the path that at a certain point slightly climbs until you reach the edge of a wood always following the road; there climb and then turn left onto a grass road that continues on the upper edge of the same wood. The direction is east walking through the vineyards on a well defined road that leads, climbing, to the asphalt. Now, on the right, and after about 30 m., enter the flat and hidden road on the left that leads to the houses you to left at you departure. Go left and straight to get back to the central square.

## description

When you exit the village a **full-immersion in the Moscato vineyards** waits for you and continues for almost the entire route. Almost immediately you meet an old Walnut tree and then, at the bottom, the remains of an **ancient farmhouse**; between the vineyards, now always at the hillside, you are under the village and the **Brosia** hill is at your left, the wood with **Oaks, Sessile Oaks, False Acacias, Hazels and Poplars** is down below and characterizes the small valley crossed by the Rio delle Rocche. The landscape is open and continuing it extends even more toward the Monferrato hills to the north, above the **Balbi** hamlet where there is the **Shrine of the Madonna del Buon Consiglio**. You can still see the **ruins of a small cottage** between the rows (in dialect **Ciabot**), then you reach the asphalt near a house looking at the north side of the village and the imposing parish church. On the main road the view opens to the east, south-east, now you encounter another **"Ciabot" in excellent condition** and descent reaching the edge of the typical **local wood** already described; after turning left you find the rows and after ten meters you are in a position dominating the a small valley that looks like a **large arena of vineyards in a stunning panoramic view**; the horizon, from the north to the east, offers the hills of the **province of Asti**, in the foreground the village of **Calosso** that stands out with its characteristic tower of the old waterworks. Cross the valley heading the front ridge that houses **rural church of San Bovo**. On the asphalt a new landscape opens to the south-east and below you can see the **Badia**; that is the last great wood of Castiglione that also climbs up the **Rocche di tufo**. The last dirt stretch is the old road that once led to the village: it passes below it, offering a glimpse of the **little historic centre**; on the left side of the small road several young **Olive trees** benefit of their precious sunny position, all around vineyards and on the right **various fruit trees**. The road ends up between the houses of the village.



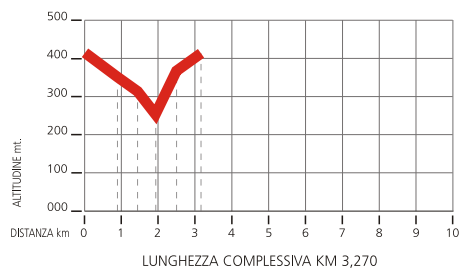
*Km: 3*

*Hiking time:*

*1.15 hours trekking*

*No mountain bikes*

*soil: dirt road with short stretches of asphalt*



# Bruno Arione path

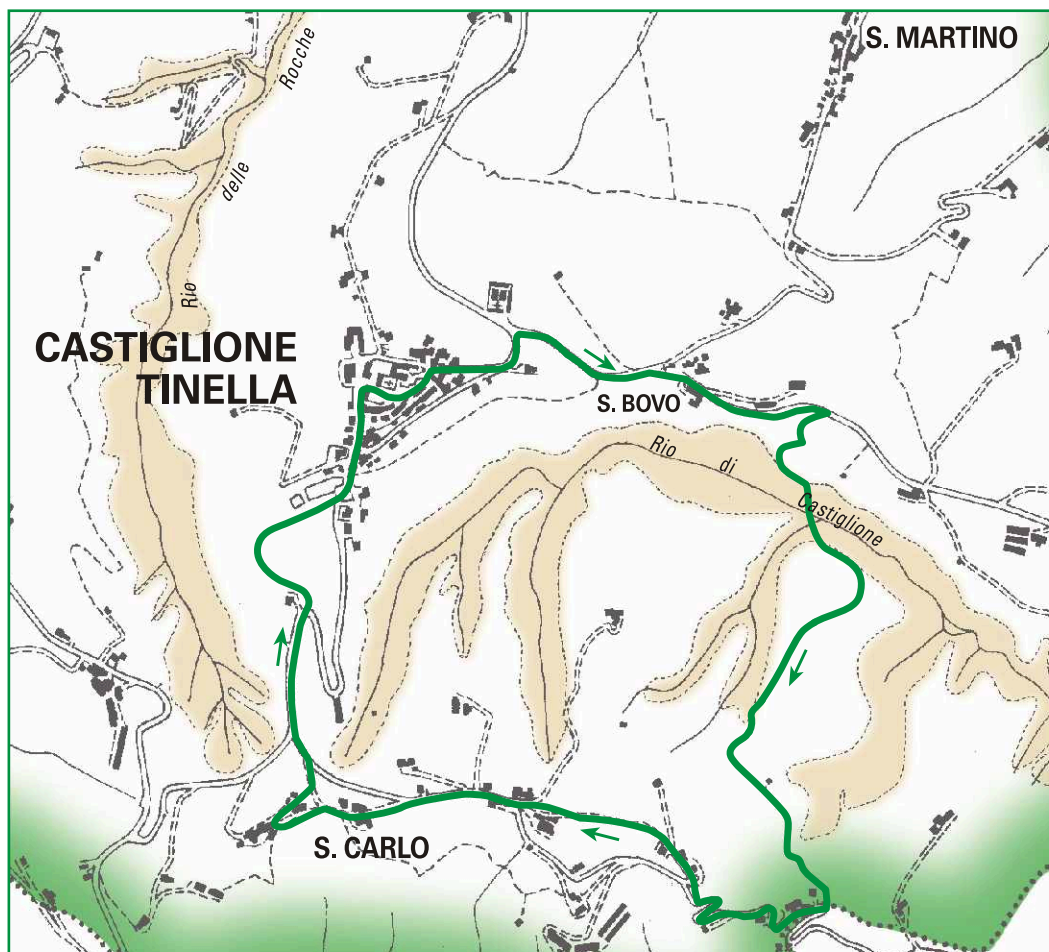
## route

Depart from the main square passing in front of the old parish church, then after a steep downhill turn right onto the ring road that leads out of village, turn left at the stop and then at the right intersection on the main road toward Santo Stefano Belbo. The path continues down passing in front of the rural church of San Bovo that you leave on the left continuing on the asphalt for about 1 Km. The sign on the right side indicates the dirt road through the vineyards that goes down the back of the hill, at the end get a narrow street that descends on the right and ahead turns left at this point entering the wood vegetation; continue by following the road that descends into the small valley until crossing a small stream on the right; through the thick underwood another small stream is to be crossed at a large poplar tree to turn into a steep lane that climbs the wood. When you reach the plateau, the trail is barely visible and leads to a younger patch of woodland that you leave immediately curving and climbing right onto a road that climbs up to a large meadow. Climb to the south and exit the meadow, after about 50 m. turn right at the intersection between a Moscato vineyard and the edge of the wood always on your right; climbing the road curves left several times and then right up to an intersection where there is a small oak tree. From here take the dirt road straight until you reach the paved county road in the hills of San Carlo; turn right on the asphalt climbing and continuing up to a sign on the right for a dirt uphill road; the dirt road ends soon to meet again the asphalt that goes along a house on the right, continue going left along a dirt road between Moscato vines for about 150 m. up to a panoramic area almost at the top of the hill. Continue the road westbound, going down again on the asphalt between the houses; then continue on the plateau for 100 m. and take the left path going up for about 250 m. until, turning on the right near some houses, you arrive at the rural Church of San Carlo. Under the right side of the church, take a downhill road that runs alongside a vineyard on the left, then turn sharply to the right to reach the asphalt; here turn left to get on the main road that descends to the village. After about 300 m. asphalt, take the left path to reach a picnic area; continue down the path that leads down to a small meadow and then to an equally small road, then turn right on the level ground that leads again at the main road, almost in the village; now turn left to reach the main square.

## description

Leave the main square and the **large church** passing in front of the **old Parish Church of St. Andrea**, then cross a short stretch of the old historic centre and leave the village along a north-easterly direction with wide open views towards the **Monferrato** and **borgata San Martino** below; on the road that leads to **Santo Stefano Belbo** you meet, at a certain point, the little **rural Church of San Bovo** and take the ups and downs that get you to the dirt road leading into the wood. Go through the back of the hill that is home to the **Moscato vineyards** to dive then into the bush in a **varied underwood**. After crossing two small rivers, forming the **Rio delle Badie**, please note the **majestic Poplar**, then the path goes up through **Downey Oaks, Hazels, Chestnuts and False Acacias**. Even on the plateau the wood has the same look, but with a greater presence of **Chestnuts** and occasionally it is embellished by some **Scots pines** that survived the time; then cross a stretch where, during spring, is easy to admire some **varieties of orchids**, in particular the **spotted-Orchid**, and ahead the surprise is a beautiful **meadow surrounded by woods**. Coming out from the **Bosco delle Badie** you come along a wild **Cherry tree** to find a **little Oak** on an intersection. The road now continues on the hill of **San Carlo**, on the asphalt municipal road; cross a south slope admiring at the bottom left a **panoramic view of great charm** with the **Rocks** and the **Moscato vineyards** with their inaccessible location. This slope is home to several **Olive trees** and a house, that you encounter along the right ridge of the hill, has beautiful **Cluster pines**. The area located ahead offers an enchanting view over the village of **Castiglione Tinella** and over a vast area dotted with numerous other villages that extends all way around. Going down again on the asphalt you see in front of you the rural Church of San Carlo, which is reached by an uphill road. Even from the church you can enjoy a **splendid view** over the village of **Castiglione Tinella**, over the **Monferrato** towards north and on **Alba area** and **Roero**, with the **mountain range of the Alps**, in the west background. The road descends into the village at first with asphalt and then, at a curve, with a path to the left which leads to a **rest equipped area** and the path that still continues down among the trees until reaching of a meadow. At the end you reach the houses of the village that stretch up towards the square where you can find the starting point.





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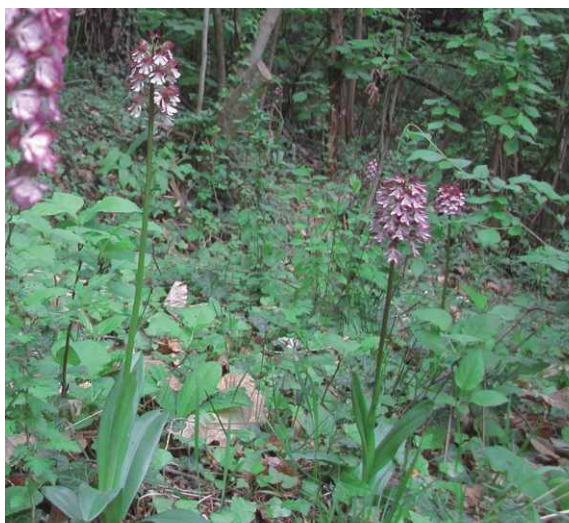
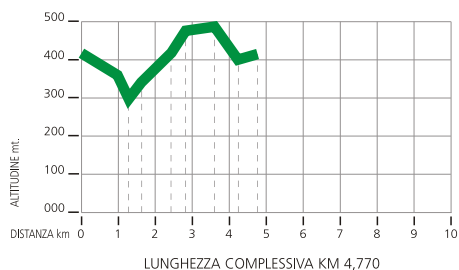
Hiking time:

about 2 hours trekking

No mountain bikes

soil: asphalt, dirt road,

small streams crossing



# Fermo Cerutti path

## route

From the central square of the village, passing behind the school building, get to the intersection with main road 51, south towards Mango, and after just ten meters turn right on a descent between the houses exiting the village and going in the vineyards, at an old walnut tree follow the descent and keep your right arriving straight among the vineyards on a level ground half-way up the hill. At the sign turn left down and then right on the road above. Continue along a widening among the vineyards until you reach a large downhill headland, cross it and continue straight in the row of vines and at its end go down the road on the left for about 25 m. At this point follow the road on the right among the row of vines going straight up the hillside until the passage narrows in a row of a small vineyard getting back to a road. Go down to the left and immediately right on the narrow road that passes behind a small and ruined rural warehouse for the tools ("Ciabot"). Go straight in the row of vines crossing two vineyards and at the end turn left and descend to the asphalt road. Continue on the asphalt reaching the intersection with the main road in front of the Campagna Verde restaurant and here go right, still on the asphalt, for about 1 km. At a curve there is the sign indicating the descent on a dirt path on the east of the hill that leads to the valley floor, on a beautiful dirt road; here turn right and follow the route for a long almost straight stretch that leads to a little bush; following the headland turn left twice and then right among the vineyards to arrive to a level ground that goes straight to the left. The road at a certain point continues on cement sharply climbing the crest of the hill. At the top, go down a bit on the asphalt on the left and then turn right in strada Morandini; continuing, after about 100 meters, turn right onto a dirt road through the vineyards and go all the way until you come out, after a final short gravel climb, in a large main road where you choose the direction towards Castiglione Tinella. After about 1 km, passed the rural Church of San Bovo, go left onto a dirt road that runs under the historic centre of the village arriving again, among the houses, on the main road; here turn right toward the starting main square.

## description

Departing from the village descend into a valley of **Moscato vineyards** where, along the path that will always be halfway up the hill, you can see below an **old farmhouse** and then a **small shed** for tools (Ciabot); on the right of the small valley noteworthy is the vegetation that grow in the humid area surrounding the Rio delle Roche: **Downey oaks, False acacias, Poplars and many Brambles**. The top of the hill on your left hosts the **Brosia and Manzotti localities**, and to the north, where the view is opened, you can admire the **Monferrato hills**. With a stretch of asphalt road you enter the territory of the **Balbi hamlet** at whose centre you encounter the renovated building of the **old schools** and the **Shrine** dedicated to the **Madonna del Buon Consiglio** with the large square. After an asphalt climb descent between the vineyards in another valley of **Castiglione Tinella** municipality; on the opposite hill you see the houses of **San Martino hamlet**. Along the bottom of the valley you encounter meadows, vineyards of **Chardonnay, of Moscato and Willow trees**; continuing at the top in front of you, slowly opens the **view on the village of Castiglione** with the stately parish church. Ahead, on the left of the path, you can notice a century-old willow after which there is a passage within a short **wood of False acacias, Hazels, Walnuts and Brambles**. Again among the **Moscato vineyards** and with the road that runs along a plateau, you can turn to the north and enjoy a view over the valley of vineyards. After going up again you are near an intersection on asphalt roads; here the right road goes up to the village and the left one reaches the San Martino hamlet where you can already see the **rural little church**. Going down, turn to the right towards **Morandini hamlet** and ahead again on the right on a dirt road that toward northeast offers a view over the village of **Calosso**, over the **Tinella** valley below and, toward east, over the **Pavese hills of Santo Stefano Belbo**. Along this road, on the right, is a fine example of a **Willow**. Once arrived on the main road you find, below, on the left, the **Bosco delle Badie** with its **Rocks** that accompany you going up to the village. You meet on the right the **little church of San Bovo** and when you take again the dirt road you see several **Olive trees**, always **Moscato vineyards** and, going on the right, **many varieties of fruit trees**. At the top you meet again the asphalt road between the houses of the village.

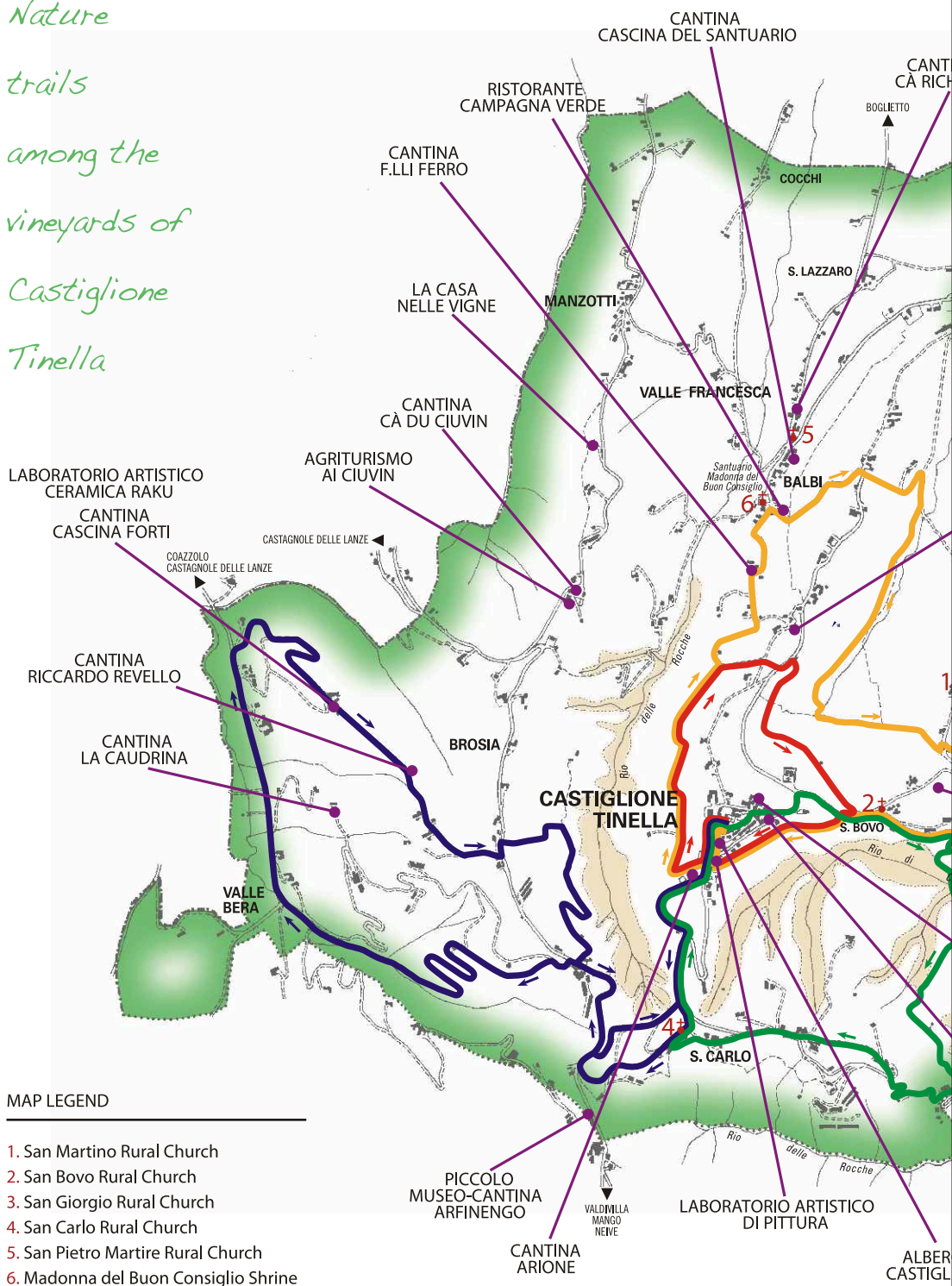
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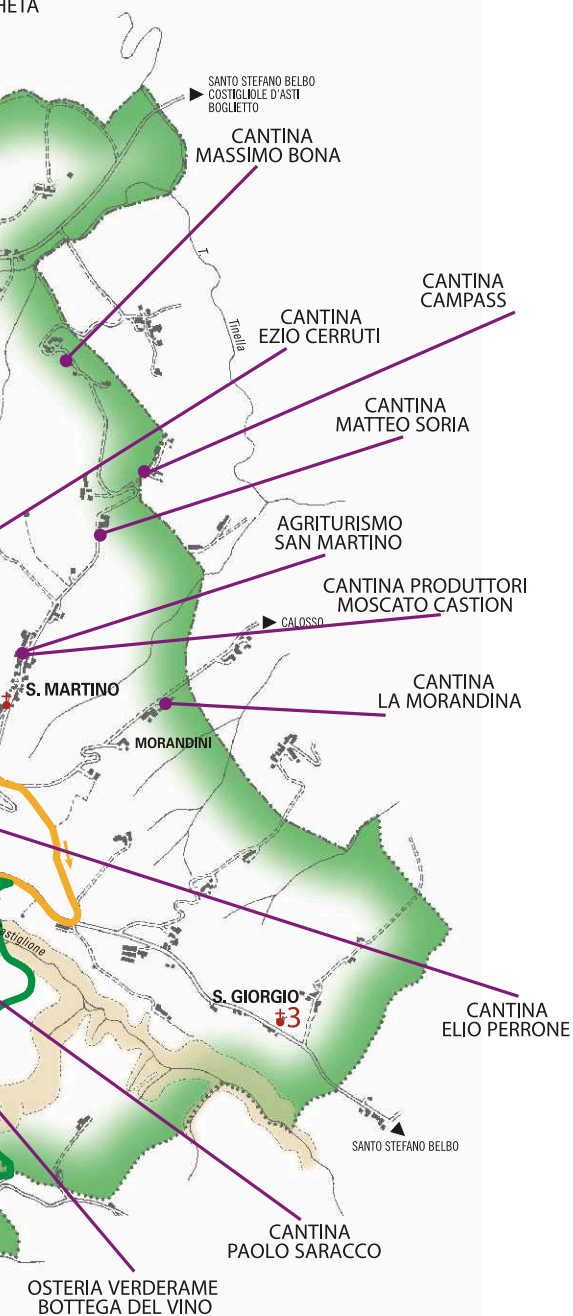
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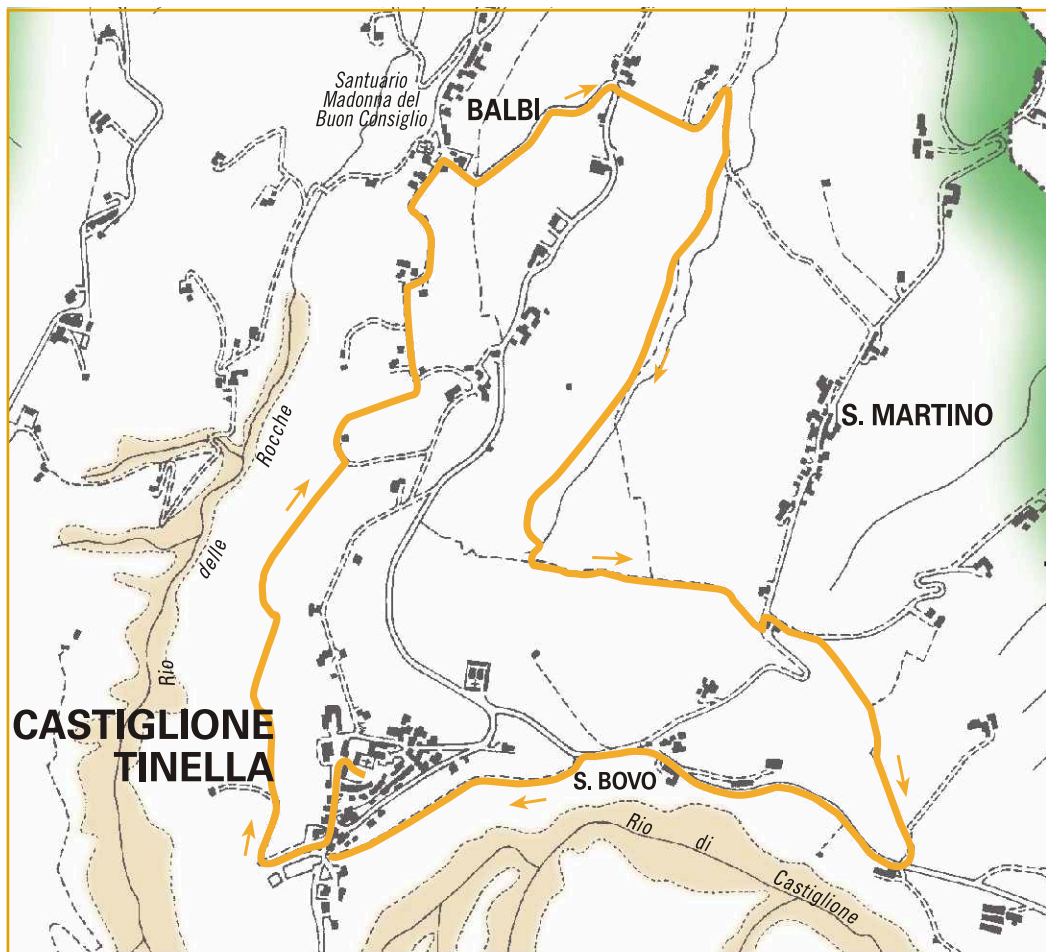


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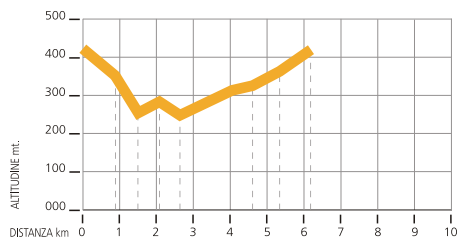
*Km: 6,7*

*Hiking time:*

*2.30 hours trekking*

*1 hour mountain biking*

*soil: asphalt and dirt patch*



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# Remo Poggio path

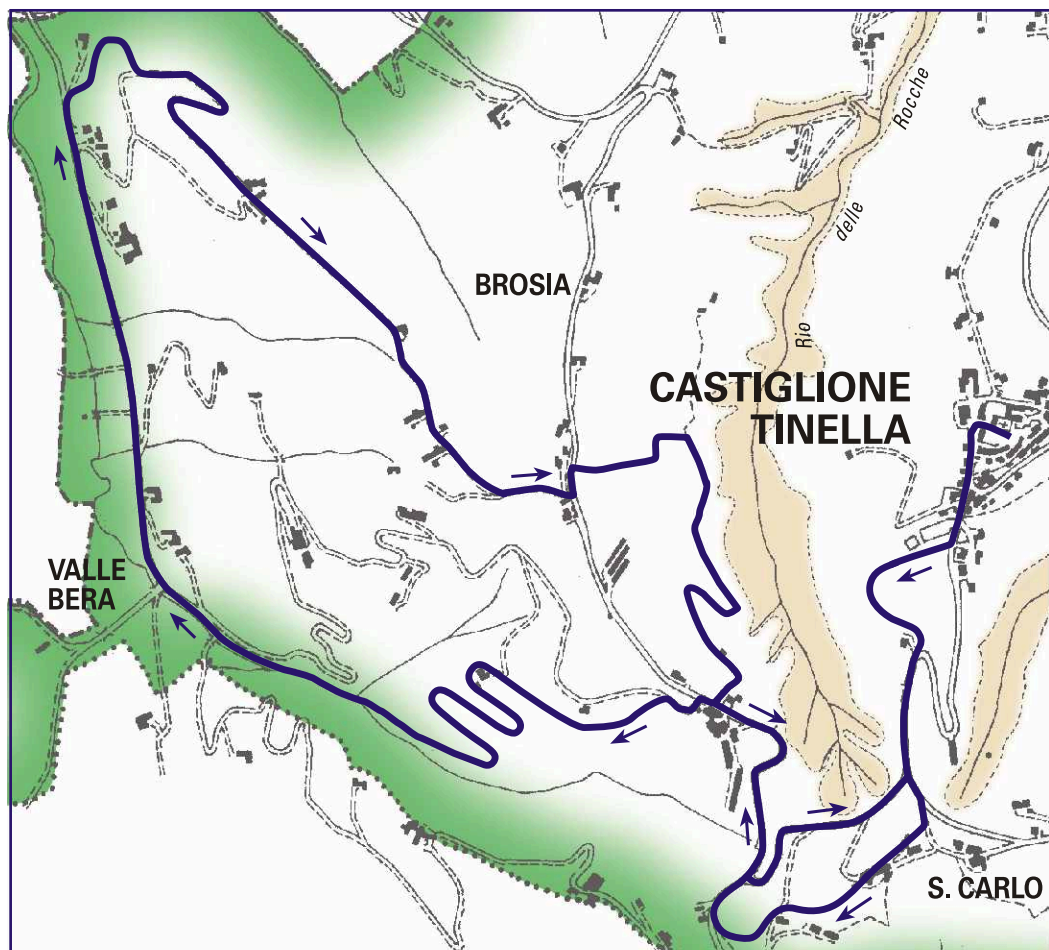
## route

Starting from the main square of the village, south towards Mango, and just at the beginning of the climb, still among the houses of the village, turn right below the apartment block; along a plane that becomes dirt road and after about 200 m. take the path that climbs left coming to a picnic area; hence the path continues south entering into a curve on the asphalt of the main road, going up until you reach the intersection with San Carlo Marini road, where you turn left. After about 40 meters, at the first small intersection, take a small road that climbs steeply to the right and after a few meters turn left to go in the direction of the church above. Leaving the church of San Carlo, take the flat, dirt road toward south along the crest of the hill; at the end of the plane, where the road starts to descent right, keep the path on the crest, go straight on the grass, between a vineyard on the right and a meadow with fruit trees on the left; follow the downhill road with the vineyard on the left arriving on the asphalt municipal road; here choose the left and after about 30 m. turn right onto the dirt road through the vineyards; this stretch ends with a downhill turn that leads to the main road. Carefully, turn right on the asphalt to reach the intersection and the small roundabout; now turn left toward Brosio and after about 1 km, around the corner of a farmhouse, turn sharply left onto the Caudrina road and after about ten meters choose, on the left, a steep descent among the vineyards. Following the small road and keeping right at a little intersection of headlands, you reach the asphalt road, cross it by following the signs, then go around a hamlet of farmhouses and take up the dirt path that gently slopes down to the valley entering a small patch of woods. Then there is again the asphalt of a secondary road that, by following the right, after a few meters leads to a municipal asphalt road that, by keeping the right, crosses the Bera valley. Leaving the asphalt after about 1.5 km turn right and, at the sign, follow the dirt road that goes up the valley with a steep climb in the very first stretch and softer ahead. The steepness increases again at the end of the dirt road until you find again the asphalt at the Forti; hence the path is almost straight and steadily climb to the top of the hill, up to the main road at Brosia locality encountered before: at this point turn left after 10 meters follow the headland on the right above below the main road that descent among vineyards curving right and then left leading to a comfortable dirt road. Climb right up the street to find the asphalt of the main road, here turn left and go on until the intersection already crossed before, choose the asphalt on the left toward the village of departure; go downhill until you reach the picnic area; then descend along the slope of the hill to get to the dirt road at the bottom, here turn right and go on until you find the asphalt, turn left and reach the main square of the village.

## description

In the first part is the area for parking, which is just above the village, the landscape is already large and is enhanced, extending further from the village, by the church dedicated to San Carlo: the highest point of the municipality. Leaving the church, on a ridge dirt level ground, there are several **Cherry trees** and, at the bottom, **an old and large Almond tree**. Continuing on the meadow, you pass near some **Peach trees**: here the view is open to the left of the Belbo valley and you see in the distance the small town of **Camo**; ahead there is **Valdivilla**, a hamlet of the **S. Stefano Belbo** municipality with its church at the top of the hill. The panoramic view then shifts to the west, on the **Tanaro valley** and, on clear days, on the amazing spectacle of the **Alps** mountain range with the **Monviso** easily recognizable. The first dirt stretch goes downhill between the hand-cultivated vineyards of the **Bera Valley**; almost all of **Moscato grapes** and small orchards around old farms, some of them restored. The patch of wood marks the end of the valley and offers, in the spring, the coloured light of the **Primroses** and **Violets**, also white; during summer the **Gaggie** and **False Acacias** offer a bit of shade in the heat. The long straight asphalt road is a municipal one that can lead to **Castagnole Lanze** or **Coazzolo**. When you climb again on a dirt road you are on a west slope covered with **large Moscato vineyards**; on a corner it is possible to notice the particular length of some **rows of vines** while a blank side of the hill shows the **layers of tuff** that make up this fertile ground. The view is always open to the area of **Alba**, the **Roero** hills and the mountains background, with good visibility. The small **Forti** hamlet, that you cross while climbing again, seems to have been the site of a **furnace during the Roman period** and has retained some of the charm of old and remote **country farmhouses**; and right next to the road it is still possible to see the remains of an old **cattleshed**. Keep on climbing, the view reopens on the vineyards all around, pass near a little votive shrine and, almost at the top, you can see on the left side an **Olive tree** that survived the time. Once reached the ridge, the opposite village of **Castiglione Tinella** can be seen above the rocks on its western side; descend again between **Moscato vineyards** toward the **Rio delle Rocche** and the road that crosses a **hazel grove**. Returning to the village the view reopens to the west, north and east, and before reaching the main square you cross again the **equipped rest area**.





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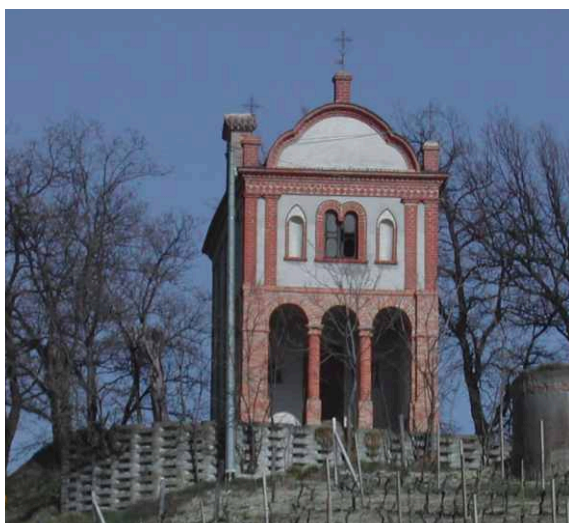
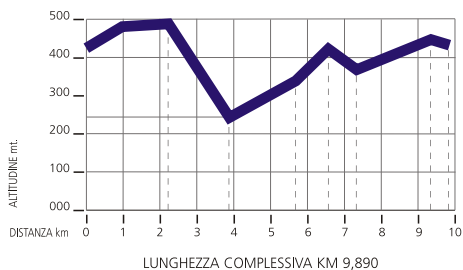
Hiking time:

3.30 hours trekking

1,30 hour mountain biking

Soil:

asphalt and dirt patch



## *the hospitality*

### ALBERGO CASTIGLIONE LA CASA NELLE VIGNE

*Elegant high-level place very close to the village's main square with refined and original rooms for the night. Swimming pool and apartments among the vineyards.*

Via Cavour, 5 Phone 0141.855410

Fax 0141.855977

E mail: [info@albergocastiglione.com](mailto:info@albergocastiglione.com)

[www.albergocastiglione.com](http://www.albergocastiglione.com)

### OSTERIA VERDERAME BOTTEGA DEL VINO

*A friendly atmosphere that combines tradition and originality, located in the historic centre of the village, also offers its customers the services of a wine bar and a wine cellar.*

Via S. Andrea, 3 Phone and Fax 0141.855806

Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch

E mail: [info@bottegadelvinooscato.it](mailto:info@bottegadelvinooscato.it)

[www.bottegadelvinooscato.it](http://www.bottegadelvinooscato.it)

### RISTORANTE CAMPAGNA VERDE

*Located in front of the Shrine, it is a traditional restaurant with excellent Langhe cuisine offering the Piedmont mixed fry specialty (reservation only).*

Strada provinciale Balbi, 22

Phone and Fax 0141.855108 Closed Wednesday

E mail: [mirella.bianco@alice.it](mailto:mirella.bianco@alice.it)

### AGRITURISMO AI CIUVIN

*In a farm, on one of the highest hills of Castiglione Tinella, it offers traditional cuisine and meals that, in warm weather, are served under a portico. It makes also available a reception area for campers.*

Strada Manzotti, 3

Phone 0141.855364 - 3466059640

Closed Monday and Tuesday

### AGRITURISMO SAN MARTINO

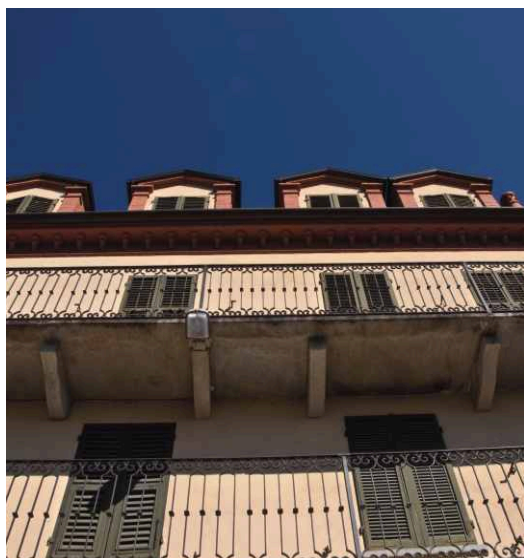
*At San Martino, 2 km from the village, it offers the family atmosphere typical of the holiday farm with newly renovated rooms for the night and tables for dining in a home environment.*

Strada San Martino, 28/B Phone. 0141.855272

Fax 0141.855083 Closed Monday

E mail: [p.agri@libero.it](mailto:p.agri@libero.it)

[www.sanmartinoagriturismo.com](http://www.sanmartinoagriturismo.com)

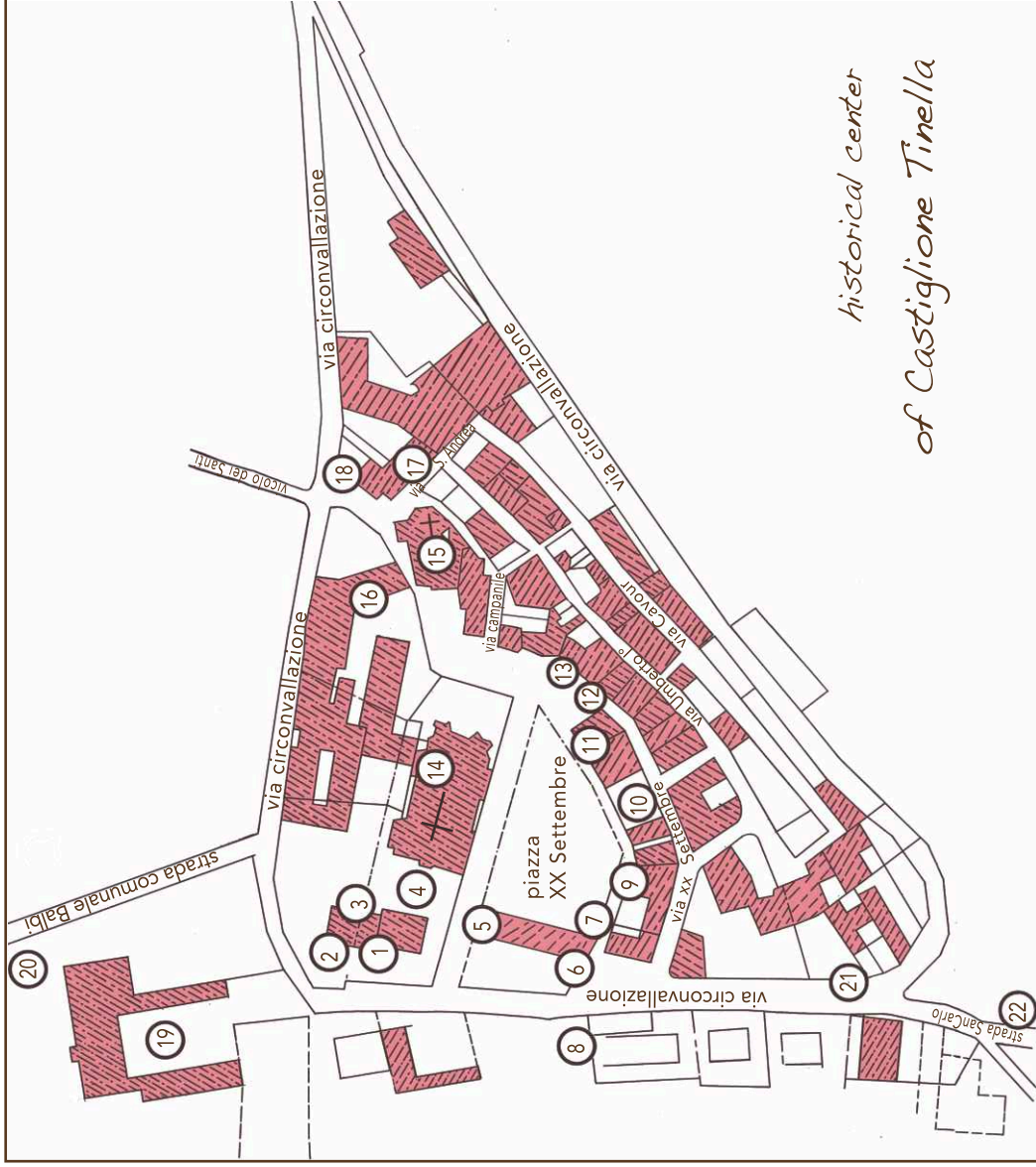




*the wineries of the "Bottega del vino Moscato"*

- **ARIONE SpA** strada San Carlo, 8 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855116 Fax 0141.855231 arione@arione.it www.arione.it
- **CA' DU CIUVIN** strada Manzotti, 6 bis 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855127 cerutti@caduciuvin.com www.caduciuvin.com
- **CA' RICHETA** strada comunale Balbi, 16 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855160 caricheta@alice.it www.caricheta.com
- **CANTINA CAMPASS** strada San Martino, 42 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855205
- **CASCINA FORTI** strada Brosia, 36 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855076 - 0141.855359 Fax 0141.855076 cascina.forti@yahoo.it
- **CASCINA DEL SANTUARIO** strada provinciale Balbi, 53 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855230 soriabruno@alice.it www.soriabruno.com
- **ELIO PERRONE** strada San Martino, 3 bis 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855803 Fax 0141.855907 elioperr@tin.it www.elioperrone.it
- **EZIO CERRUTI** strada comunale Balbi, 8 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855240 e.cerruti@inwind.it
- **F.LLI FERRO** strada comunale Balbi, 11 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855170 - 0141.855038 ferro.vini@virgilio.it www.viniferro.com
- **LA CAUDRINA** strada Brosia, 21 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855126 Fax 0141.855008 romano@caudrina.it www.caudrina.it
- **LA MORANDINA** strada San Martino Loc. Morandini, 11 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855261 giulio@lamorandina.com www.lamorandina.com
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- **MATTEO SORIA** strada San Martino, 40 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855158 cascinetasoria@inwind.it
- **PAOLO SARACCO** via Circonvallazione, 6 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855113 Fax 0141.855360 info@paolosaracco.it www.paolosaracco.it
- **PRODUTTORI MOSCATO CASTION** strada San Martino, 28 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone 0141.855272 Fax 0141.855083 p.agri@libero.it www.sanmartinoagriturismo.com
- **RICCARDO REVELLO** strada Brosia, 31 bis 12053 Castiglione Tinella (CN)  
Phone and Fax 0141.855285





*historical center  
of Castiglione Tinella*

- 1) Town Offices
- 2) Post Office-Library  
Town Picture Gallery
- 3) Medical Surgery
- 4) Children's Playground
- 5) School
- 6) Public Toilets
- 7) Alpine's House
- 8) Bank and Cash Dispenser
- 9) Market and Tobacconist
- 10) Café Bar
- 11) Bazar Haberdasher's
- 12) Pharmacy
- 13) Hairdresser's
- 14) Parish Church Of S. Andrea
- 15) Old Church of S. Andrea
- 16) S. Andrea Elderly's Home
- 17) Verderame Wine Shop
- 18) Casa Ratti - Palazzo Monferrato
- 19) Villa Fogliati
- 20) Handycraft Dairy  
A walk with the animals
- 21) Albergo Castiglione  
Scooter and Quad Haired
- 22) Artistic Painting Workshop

## *useful information*

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### CONTESSA DI CASTIGLIONE ASSOCIATION

Tourist Info Phone 335.6956568 E mail: [atc.contessa@alice.it](mailto:atc.contessa@alice.it)

### LIBRARY - TOWN PICTURE GALLERY

via Circonvallazione, 7 (townhall)  
opening hours: Saturday 15-18 Sunday 10-12 am

### SHRINE OF the MADONNA DEL BUON CONSIGLIO strada provinciale Balbi, 24

PARISH CHURCH OF S. ANDREA piazza XX Settembre, 1

RAKU CERAMIC ART WORKSHOP strada Brosia, 36

ARTISTIC PAINTING WORKSHOP via San Carlo, 9/a

SMALL MUSEUM ARFINENGO WINERY via San Carlo, 20

SCOOTERS AND QUAD RENTAL c/o Albergo Castiglione via Cavour, 5

A WALK WITH THE ANIMALS strada comunale Balbi, 4

Phone 0141.855149

Phone 0141.844184

Phone 328.2006814

Phone 328.9147446

Phone 0141.855191

Phone 338.6850449

Phone 329.2172265

UBI BANK BRANCH via Circonvallazione, 12

POST OFFICE Via Circonvallazione, 7 (townhall)

BALBI POST OFFICE strada comunale Balbi, 12

BAZAR HABERDASHER'S piazza XX Settembre, 12

ARCATE DI BONTA' Market and Tobacconist piazza XX Settembre, 18

HANDYCRAFT DAIRY Natural products strada comunale Balbi, 4

BAR DON CASTILLO CAFE' piazza XX Settembre, 14

IMMAGINE Hairdresser's piazza XX Settembre, 8

Phone 0141.855106

Phone 0141.855115

Phone 0141.855121

Phone 0141.855161

Phone 0141.855060

Phone 329.2172265

Phone 0141.855044

Phone 0141.855067

SCALAMOGNA PHARMACY piazza XX Settembre, 9/a

MEDICAL SURGERY via circonvallazione, 7 (townhall)

POLICE BARRACKS IN S. STEFANO BELBO Via Stazione, 20

CARABINIERI EMERGENCY

FIRST AID

FIRE BRIGADE

POLICE

Phone 0141.855310

Phone 0141.855228

Phone 0141.844103

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*On the wall outside the town hall it is possible to consult the timetables of counters open to the public, of the suburban bus service, of the medical surgery, of the church services and others also available.*



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## Path dedications

### SANDRO BOBBIO

Sandro Bobbio (1921-2001) married the actress Divinia Negro, born in Castiglione, and often attended the house she owned in the village. As actor and director he succeeded in popularizing the art and poetry; in Genoa he has been part of the Luigi Pirandello experimental theatre; then he founded and directed the Amici dell'Arte Society and participated in the International Festival of University Theatres in France, Switzerland, Germany and England. As creator of the Teatro delle Langhe, working on texts by Pavese, Fenoglio and Piccinelli, he arrived in America bringing in the theatres of Broadway and in Universities the *Odorose e Selvagge Langhe* show. In Italy the collaborations with Ugo Gregoretti are mentioned. The particularity of his cultural commitment was to bring the theatre and literature to meet the common people, in contexts of natural aggregation, involving people that become the protagonists of the artistic event.



### BRUNO ARIONE

Bruno Arione (1945-2007), man of strong character, created the Arione S.p.A. wine industry that today has wineries in Castiglione Tinella and Canelli; he was Mayor of this municipality from 1995 to 2000 undertaking new actions aimed to promote our territory and our products, also giving the village important works. As one of the founders of the Countess of Castiglione cultural-touristic association, he gave birth to the first promotional video on our village followed by the one telling our history called *La Memoria del Tempo*, the result of a photographic study which involved the families of Castiglione. From his will in 1999 comes the Bottega del Vino Moscato: an association that brings together the best wine producers in this Municipality and whose promotional activity continues today.



### FERMO CERUTTI

Fermo Cerutti (1928-2007), oenologist from Castiglione, has worked for most of his life in his winery in Boglietto di Costigliole d'Asti producing and trading wines. Then he devoted himself to the territory becoming a passionate historian and completing the long and detailed research on the history of this village; this work, then published in the book called *Castion* by Pieraldo Editore, has unveiled the ties that make the Countess of Castiglione our historical character. Some of his other writings have appeared in several magazines, but the valuable work that meticulously follows the historic path of our village, unearthing the roots of the inhabitants of Castiglione, will endure over time being a constant source of inspirations.



### REMO POGGIO

Remo Poggio (1933-2004), an accountant from Turin, bought a farm in Castiglione Tinella, in Valle Bera, and began to attend community and social activities in the village, becoming soon an important point of reference especially for the local Bottega del Vino Moscato Association. Thanks to his practical skills and human resources, to his great sensitivity and dedication to this village, he contributed to the promotion of our land and our people. It was one of the promoters of the walks through our vineyards.

