

## WALKING ITINERARIES

### Walk to Monte Alto, the hill of Villa Draghi

- **Starting point**: you can go on foot from the hotel and following the main road to Torreglia. At the roundabout turn left and take the E2 cicling path. At the end cross the road at the Ristorante Miravalle and go ahead towards the building that houses the Museum of Thermalism. Alternatively, you can park your car in the large car park next to the building.
- Km: depending on where you start
- Difficulty: medium

### The Monte Alto has numerous paths and crossroads.

The main path is called the "**Path of Love**" because there are a series of plaques placed along the path excerpts from famous poems that talk of love; walking along this path, you will get to Villa Draghi.

You can also climb up to the **meadow** above the villa and then take one of the many paths that branch off from there.

You will find several branches. You can follow the **white and green signs** that will take you up and down along the entire perimeter of the mountain until you reach Turri Alta (be careful because you are very far from the starting point!).

We advise you to take the **various forks**, but keep Villa Draghi or the parking lot below as a reference point.

Alternatively, instead of climbing along the Path of Love, you can take the flat path that starts to the right of the large gate.

Once you have covered the entire stretch that surrounds the mountain, you will see a gate that is always open on your left.

From there, go up and you will arrive on the wide meadow overlooking Montegrotto.

You can follow the path that descends towards the villa or continue to climb again, following the path that crosses the meadows until you find a stony path uphill.

At the end, you will get to another meadow and cultivated fields.

From there, take the path that goes down to the left towards a building from which you arrive at the parking lot (beware of the steep and sometimes slippery path) or, by turning right, go up a bit and you will reach the **Bettola del Refosco**, a country inn with **friendly donkeys** that will come up and greet you!

Return along the same path as the outward journey (or, after greeting the donkeys, go down to the building and continue towards the parking lot).



# Ancient paths above Luvigliano: from Villa dei Vescovi a circular path to immerse yourself in the Euganean Hills

• Departure and arrival: Luvigliano - Torreglia

• Journey time: 1 hour 30 minutes

• Difficulty: medium

• Length: 4 km

• Difference in altitude: about 195 meters

Park your car at the cemetery of Luvigliano.

The start of the path is at Villa dei Vescovi.

In front of the villa there is the church dedicated to San Martino which appears well set in the landscape.

Looking at the church, follow the path to its left, which after a short flat stretch turns steeply to the right.

The path climbs steadily, but after a few bends the view satisfies the effort faced: you can admire Villa Vescovi and the hill in front, the thermal centers of Abano and Montegrotto further down.

You continue to climb alongside the vineyards.

At the end of the path, turn right immediately continuing on a flat path (finally!).

A little further on you will meet the **iconic Chiesetta degli Alpini**, a pretty church of a pure white.

From here the view is even more impressive.

Now all that remains is to continue and go down. Follow the path (you will also see the typical signs of the Altavia dei Colli Euganei, white and red triangles with the number 1 marked).

At some point you will find a **crossroads**.

If you get off immediately taking it to the right, you will come to a cross with a bench and then you will have to turn right to go down a stone path that will lead you back to the villa. If you want to extend a kilometer, continue to follow the path on the left with the signs for the Altavia, until you come to a red house.

From there, turn right into the woods. You will arrive at the cross and the bench (see above).

The walk is really beautiful, don't let the initial climb hold you back!



#### Climbing towards Monte Ceva: a 360° panoramic view

• Starting point: Piazza Fallaci in Turri

• **Km**: 5

• **Difficulty**: medium (difficult the last few meters)

Your destination is the mountain with the cross on top!

From the car park, head to Piazza Libertà in the small town of Turri.

Follow the asphalted road (**Via Scagliole**) uphill until you find Via Monte Rua on your right.

Continue to the end of road that goes by some homes, then goes down at your left to catch Via Scagliole again.

Follow the last few meters uphill on the asphalted road.

Before the start of the descent, in front of the Belvedere Restaurant, take the dirt road on your left (**Via Monte Ceva**).

You will flank a villa on your left and a field on your right from which you can admire a beautiful panoramic view over the vineyards and hills.

If you are lucky, some nice donkeys will come to say hello!

After a few meters, the real path begins, you will see a small votive altar and an ancient cart.

Take the path, the first part is steep, but short!

You will be immediately enveloped by the magic and silence of the forest.

At the crossroads, take the path that continues left, you will see in front of you the cross on top of the mountain and the last uphill stretch.

The final meters are very challenging, between **rocks of volcanic origin** and **prickly pears**; pay a little attention and you will overcome them easily.

What opens before your eyes will be a real joy. Your gaze will sweep 360° C towards the sea, the plain to the south, the hills and the mountains.

You will see the town of Montegrotto (and, if you sharpen your sight, even our hotel).

Sit down and listen to the silence and contemplate this corner among the most evocative of our hills.

Sometimes you might even spot some fallow deer, while prickly pears are present throughout the year.

For the return, we suggest you follow the same route as the outward journey.