

Monte Orello (377m)

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Località di partenza:

Regione Toscana, Provincia di Livorno,
Portoferraio, Frazione Picchiaie

Tipo di itinerario:

a piedi

Fondo stradale:

Fuori strada

Difficoltà a piedi:

Turistica

Dislivello in salita (m):

357 m

Dislivello in discesa (m):

357 m

Quota massima raggiunta (m):

377 m

Tempo (hh:mm):

2:00

Periodo consigliato:

Spring, Summer; this is one of the coolest
itineraries

Cartografia:

Multigraphic, Carta turistica e dei sentieri, Isola
d'Elba, 1:25000

Segnavia:

occasional, partially on path 64

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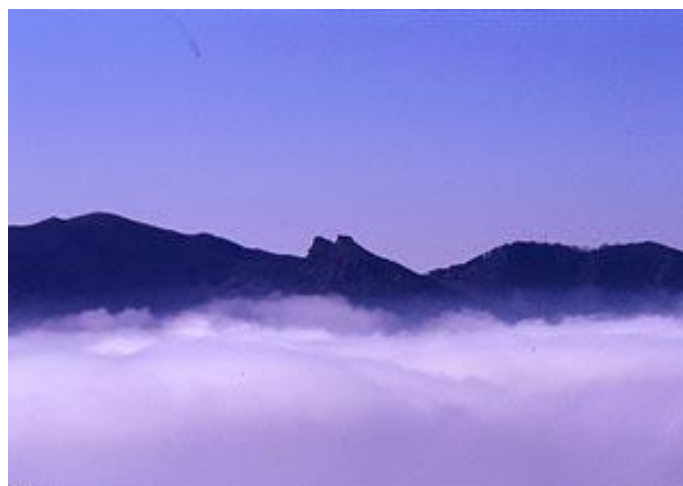
Accesso al percorso e note:

Departure and arrival place: on the provincial
highway that goes from Capoliveri to

Portoferraio, near the turn-off for Le Picchiaie

Along the provincial highway that links Capoliveri to Portoferraio we come to a turn-off in earth that starts climbing, near the sign to the Trattoria marked on the map. Here we find some signs, one of which is for Le Picchiaie. This was the road that connected the eastern part of Elba to Campo, arriving along the via del Colle Reciso.

We go on climbing until we reach an asphalt road that we cross, entering the woods again with signs for monte Orello. At the next turn-off we go around a hairpin bend on the left and keep going in this direction until we arrive near Ranch Antonio, where we find



An itinerary in an environment of medium-high mountains in which even during the Summer you can enjoy the shade of pines. This path leads to Mount Orello and was part of a series of routes that linked the bunkers in the peaks used during the second world war and from which there is a 360° view of this part of the island.



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a large path map. We discover that our route is now no. 64 and we go on up until we meet another series of turn-offs. At the first we turn left and at the second we go straight on beyond the sign for a private house and arrive, following signpost 64, at the departure and arrival point of a small circuit that we take around the summit of Mount Orello.

Almost immediately after the beginning of the circle, we arrive at a turn-off: there is a hill we can climb to admire the steep eastern ridge of the island with the fortress of Volterraio in the middle. We descend from this hill and reach a green shed and at the next turn-off we head down. We continue walking down and without taking any turn-offs we go straight through some pine trees. These trees, that shelter us from the sun, are part of a recent reforestation project and we get a better idea of it, as well as observing the even distance that separates them, if we continue to approach the small forts located on the peak.

We arrive on a plateau where there are three routes and the fire-break that follows the ridge; we descend along the left path and soon find the fire-break again at our side. We continue on the left, crossing the fire-break line and come out in an open area on the slope that looks out above Lacona and onto the sea, in a south direction, with Mount Capanne well-recognisable, in the background.

We tackle this beautiful part on the side of the mountain, arriving above the Valle del Molino and in sight of Mount Petriccio, before which a path starts on the left that we ignore. From here we arrive at a point where we found the three turn-offs and the fire-break: we begin a steep climb walking along the fire-break that brings us up onto a peak where we find a bunker. It may look as if it isn't built in an ideal position, but we must imagine it without the surrounding pines. There is a second fort on Mount Orello, that awaits us in front and not very far away, and both were in the view of a third one on Mount Tambone, between Lacona and Camp. So, we climb up the summit awaiting us from where we have a beautiful view of Portoferraio and climb down in a westerly direction for just a few meters, meeting a path on the right that brings us out near Monte Orello farm. We passed this turn-off on the beginning of the circuit. So, we can either retrace our steps or turn left and take the road that leads to the Colle Reciso road, after passing a spring.

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