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TITLE

TRAIL P08 · CULTURAL CONNECTION · PRATA SANNITA · FONTEGRECA · CAPRIATI · GALLO MATESE

Route of the Villages of the Caserta Matese

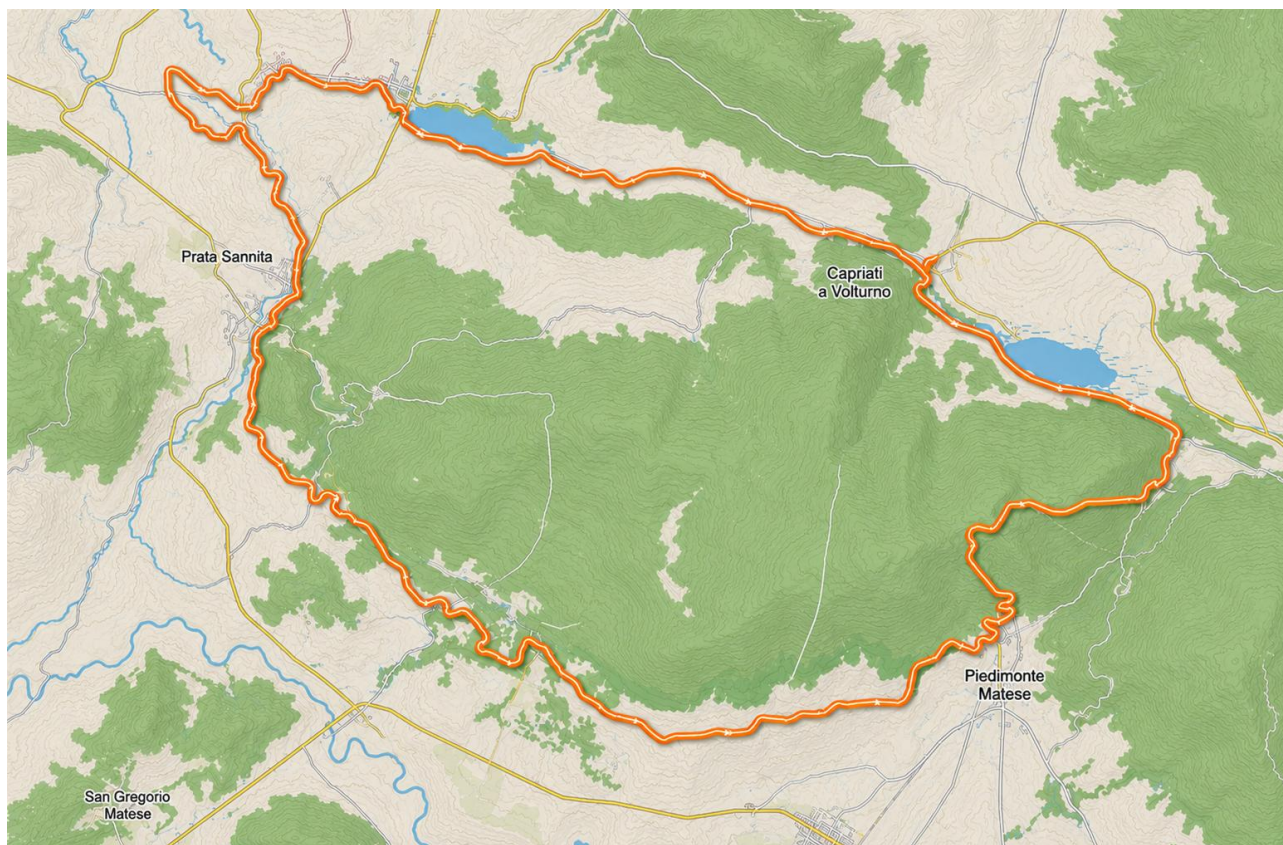
From Prata Sannita to Gallo Matese - cycle tourism through 4 Municipalities

TECHNICAL DATA

Length	Elevation Gain	Duration	Type	Municipalities	Season
76 km linear	+680 / -620 m	1 day	Linear A→B→C→D	4 Pilot Municipalities	April – November

ROUTE MAP - SCHEMATIC LAYOUT

SCALE ~1:15,000 · WGS84 · Provisional illustrative map.



GPX

Attachment: P08_Via_dei_Borghi_del_Matese_Casertano.gpx Linear track connecting 4 municipalities. <https://it.wikiloc.com/percorsi-ciclismo/tour-altopiano-del-matese-28102202>.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

DESC	The cultural and territorial connection route of the Geo-Matese project: the first linear itinerary crossing all four pilot municipalities - Prata Sannita, Fontegreca, Capriati a Volturno, and Gallo Matese. It is not a simple link: it is a territorial narrative placing in sequence the best assets of each municipality, with a specific educational theme for each stage. The four Geo-Matese information panels (#01, #06, #02-03, #04) constitute the narrative connecting element.
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POINTS OF INTEREST - TRIPARTITE GEO / FAUNA / HISTORY ANALYSIS

POI-1	Prata Sannita - Roman Bridge, Lete Gorges, Blue Lagoon (285 m a.s.l.)
GEO	Village on Upper Cretaceous limestones. Lete Gorges with stalactites and potholes (Karst Geosite). Blue Lagoon: natural karst resurgence pool. Former hydroelectric plant.
FAUNA	Otter, freshwater crayfish, Brown Trout along the Lete. Common Kingfisher, White-throated Dipper.
HISTORY	Castello Pandone (10th century), Gothic-Catalan portal (15th century), Bourbon canvas 18th century. Geo-Matese Panel #01. GPX P01 available on Wikiloc (11.31 km, Best #2).

POI-2	Fontegreca - Cypress Grove, Sava Resurgence, Historic Mill (580 m a.s.l.)
GEO	Triassic dolomites with relict cypress grove unique in the Mediterranean. Karst resurgence of the Sava. Cretaceous/Jurassic stratigraphic unconformity at the Sanctuary.
FAUNA	Cypress grove with woodpeckers, jays, Fire Salamander. Freshwater crayfish in the Sava.
HISTORY	Historic water mill (18th–19th century). Clock Tower. Madonna dei Cipressi Sanctuary. Geo-Matese Panel #06. GPX P06 available on Wikiloc.

POI-3	Capriati a Volturno - Medieval Tower, Via Minucia, Le Mortine (360 m a.s.l.)
GEO	Cretaceous limestones outcropping at the base of the Cesa Iannitti Tower. Tectonic front of the Aquae Iuliae Fault visible at the head of the valley.
FAUNA	Peregrine Falcon in the Tower. Birdlife of the Le Mortine Oasis (96th WWF Oasis - riparian woodland of the Volturno).
HISTORY	Cesa Iannitti Medieval Tower (11th century), Gothic-Catalan portal, S. Maria del Piano Chapel (14th-century frescoes), Roman Via Minucia. Geo-Matese Panel #02-03.

POI-4	Gallo Matese - Lake Gallo, Sava Swallow Hole, Trail of the Fairies (850 m a.s.l.)
GEO	Artificial lake on a karst doline. Sava swallow hole - the most didactic karst geosite of the route. Entry to the Trail of the Fairies (CAI 113). Campo Figliolo - endorheic plateau.
FAUNA	Mallard, Common Coot, Common Kingfisher at the lake. Wild horses on Campo Figliolo.
HISTORY	Medieval village of Gallo Matese with Norman Tower. Fontana dei Palombi (1914). Geo-Matese Panel #04. GPX P04 available on Wikiloc.

GEOHISTORY OF THE PLACE

Narrative	The Caserta Matese is not a single story: it is four stories that intertwine. Prata Sannita tells of water and myth. Fontegreca tells of woodland and stone. Capriati tells of war and faith. Gallo Matese tells of silence and the shepherd. The Route of the Villages is the thread that unites them: a slow journey crossing 2,500 years of Apennine history in a single day.
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EXPERIENTIAL PACKAGE

PACKAGE PKG-08	"Four Municipalities, Four Stories" - Cultural Connection of the Caserta Matese
Target: School groups (all levels), organised groups, cycle tourists, 2-day trekking	The route linking all four pilot municipalities of the Geo-Matese project. Each stage has an educational theme: geology and water (Prata Sannita), geo-botany (Fontegreca), medieval history (Capriati), karst (Gallo Matese). The four Geo-Matese panels (P01, P06, P02-03, P04) are the narrative connecting element.
Durata: 1 day (trekking) / 4 h (bici) / 1 giornata scolastica (bus+soste)	Difficulty: Medium (trek) / Easy (cycling) / N/A (bus)
Periodo: April – November	Mobility: Linear (A→B→C→D). School bus for groups / Bike (MTB/gravel) / Trekking 1 or 2 days
Features:	4 thematic stops of ~45 min each · Local territorial guides · Geo-Matese Panels #01/#06/#02-03/#04 · Bilingual connection brochure · Tasting of products from the 4 municipalities

ACCESS

Start	Ponte Romano car park, Prata Sannita. Finish: Gallo Matese - coordinates 41.4630°N, 14.2360°E.
Mode	(1) Cycle tourism MTB/gravel 22 km; (2) Trekking 2 days; (3) School bus 4 stops.

ISSUES

Issues	Description	Priority
Logistics	Linear route: support vehicle required (return to start). For school groups: school bus with guide.	MEDIUM
Length	38 km too long for a single trekking day. Recommended in 2 days or by bike.	MEDIUM
GPX	Connection GPX to be surveyed in the field. GPX tracks for individual stages (P01, P06, P02, P04) are already available.	HIGH

WEB REFERENCES

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- www.sentieroitalia.cai.it - Sentiero Italia CAI
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GPS TRACKS AND MAPS ON OUTDOOR PLATFORMS - VERIFIED LINKS P08

Wikiloc	Outdoor routes in the Piedimonte Matese area - collection of GPS tracks of the zone https://it.wikiloc.com/percorsi-ciclismo/tour-altopiano-del-matese-28102202
⚠ Note	Cycling/MTB connection route across 4 Municipalities

⚠ Tracks on Wikiloc/Komoot are user-uploaded and may differ from the official route described in this data sheet.