

Route 18 - Breathtaking views from Costacciaro to Monte Cucco

Start and arrival: Costacciaro

Distance: 32 km

Height difference: 1350 metres

Difficulty: hard

Surface: 60% dirt, 40% sealing

Da vedere in zona: Costacciaro, Sigillo, Scheggia, Monte Cucco

Km 0	Start from Corso Mazzini, in the centre of Costacciaro . Exit from the Torre dell'Orologio gateway and turn left . Turn left at SS 3 highway towards Scheggia .
Km 3	Turn right towards Coldagello . Stay on the middle road where it branches . <i>Start of climb.</i>
Km 4,1	Straight ahead.
Km 4,5	<i>Santuario Madonna delle Grazie</i> , keep left along sealed road.
Km 4,8	Turn right uphill where the road forks. After 200m at the little village of Costa San Savino , turn right uphill again, following signposts for path n. 45 .
Km 5,1	At the end of the straight stretch and the hardest part of the climb, leave the sealing and take the track on the right . Be careful as it is not easy to find. After a few metres go uphill along the second track to the left . Beware , <i>steep climb, less expert bikers will have to walk.</i>
Km 5,6	At the end of the track and the steep climb, turn right uphill again at the dirt road.
Km 6,7	At the main dirt road that comes uphill from Scheggia, turn right and keep climbing uphill. <i>Bikers wishing to avoid this last difficult stretch can come directly from Scheggia.</i>
Km 9,1	Where the road branches, turn right onto dirt road.
Km 11,1	Punta Sasso Pecoraro . <i>Lookout. End of climb.</i>
Km 12,5	Turn left at the crossroads towards Pian delle Macinare . <i>Bikers wishing to shorten the trail can turn right and return to Costacciaro along the sealed road.</i>
Km 13	Leave the main dirt road and turn left downhill along the dirt road.

Km 13,8	Leave the dirt road and turn right along path n.4 towards Fossa di Valle Scura. <i>Drinking fountain on left.</i>
Km 14,3	Pian delle Macinare. Turn left where the track branches to path n.1 to Passo del Lupo. <i>Beware, difficult stretch: for about a kilometre it will be necessary to walk in many places.</i>
Km 15,6	At the end of the rough surface, turn right and follow indications for path n.1.
Km 16,9	Acquafredda. Keep left on path n. 1. <i>Drinking fountain.</i>
Km 17,9	Be careful of chain over track. Past the chain, turn left.
Km 18,2	Turn right onto dirt road where the road branches.
Km 18,5	<i>End of dirt road, straight ahead</i> along sealed road.
Km 19,6	Turn left downhill at the crossroads. <i>End of climb. Lookout.</i>
Km 22	Leave the sealed road and turn left along path n. 37 towards Tocchi delle Cese. <i>Start of dirt road.</i>
Km 22,6	Keep right at the flat area and go around the little lake. Then continue downhill along the signposted track. Be careful, <i>stoney descent.</i>
Km 23, 9	Keep right downhill.
Km 24,6	At the end of the steepest and roughest part, straight ahead downhill.
Km 25,2	Turn left at the sealed road. <i>End of dirt road.</i>
Km 25,5	At SS 3 highway, turn right towards Costacciaro.
Km 25,8	Sigillo.
Km 26,1	Turn left off SS 3 highway towards the cemetery. After 100m, turn right.
Km 26,5	Go through the crossroad and continue straight ahead.
Km 26,8	Turn right, then immediately left and go along SS 3 highway for a few metres.
Km 27	Over the Roman Bridge leave SS 3 and turn left into dirt road.
Km 28	At the first intersection, keep left. After 20m, keep right along the same dirt road.
Km 28,4	Keep right where the road branches.
Km 29,1	Keep right.

Km 30,1 At SS 3 highway, turn **left**. *Drinking fountain on left.*

Km 31,8 Leave SS 3, turn **left** and return to centre of **Costacciaro**.