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Vallo di Nera

Castel S. Felice

Km 5.8

Round Trips

m. 120

The old road to
Castel S. Felice

Vallo di Nera



a Vallo di Nera

Exit from the SS 209 Valnerina
at Vallo di Nera

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We begin with the walk from the ancient donjon above the town centre. Take the path slightly to the right and then turn left immediately on to Via dei Casali. Before you reach the Church of San Rocco, turn right downhill and follow the track, which leads first to the 15th-century Image of the Forche, a shrine with frescoes believed to be by Jacopo Zabellino. You will then return to the original road, which links Vallo with Castel San Felice. Follow the signs past a fountain and some ruins on the left. At first the path is uphill, but then it levels out through woods of holm and durmast oak as far as the remains of the 14th-century Church of Sant'Antonio, marked by a turning to the right. After approximately 2 kilometers through the green landscape of the middle section of the Valnerina, the path descends gently to the bottom of the valley and runs parallel to the Nera River to the Abbey of San Felice, built in 1194 on the site of a 5th century settlement of Syriac monks, including Mauro and Felice, after whom the abbey is named. Now take the path in the opposite direction to return to Vallo, which is well worth a visit for the Church of Santa Maria containing the richest, iconographic accoutrements dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and the Church of San Giovanni with its frescoes by Jacopo Siculo