

FARA SAN  
MARTINO

FARA GORGES

GUARDIAGRELE  
FARA FILIORUM  
PETRI

CIVITELLA  
MESSER  
RAIMONDO  
GUSTAV LINE

## FARA SAN MARTINO, THE GORGES AND GUSTAV LINE MEMORIES



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From Caporciano to Fara San Martino, by car, the transfer takes just under two hours. If you intend to take a walk in its famous gorges, leave early and plan to dedicate practically half a day to it.

If you are in the mood for a "road trip", with short stops, you can visit other beautiful towns along the road: Fara Filiurum Petri, Guardiagrele, Civitella Messer Raimondo.

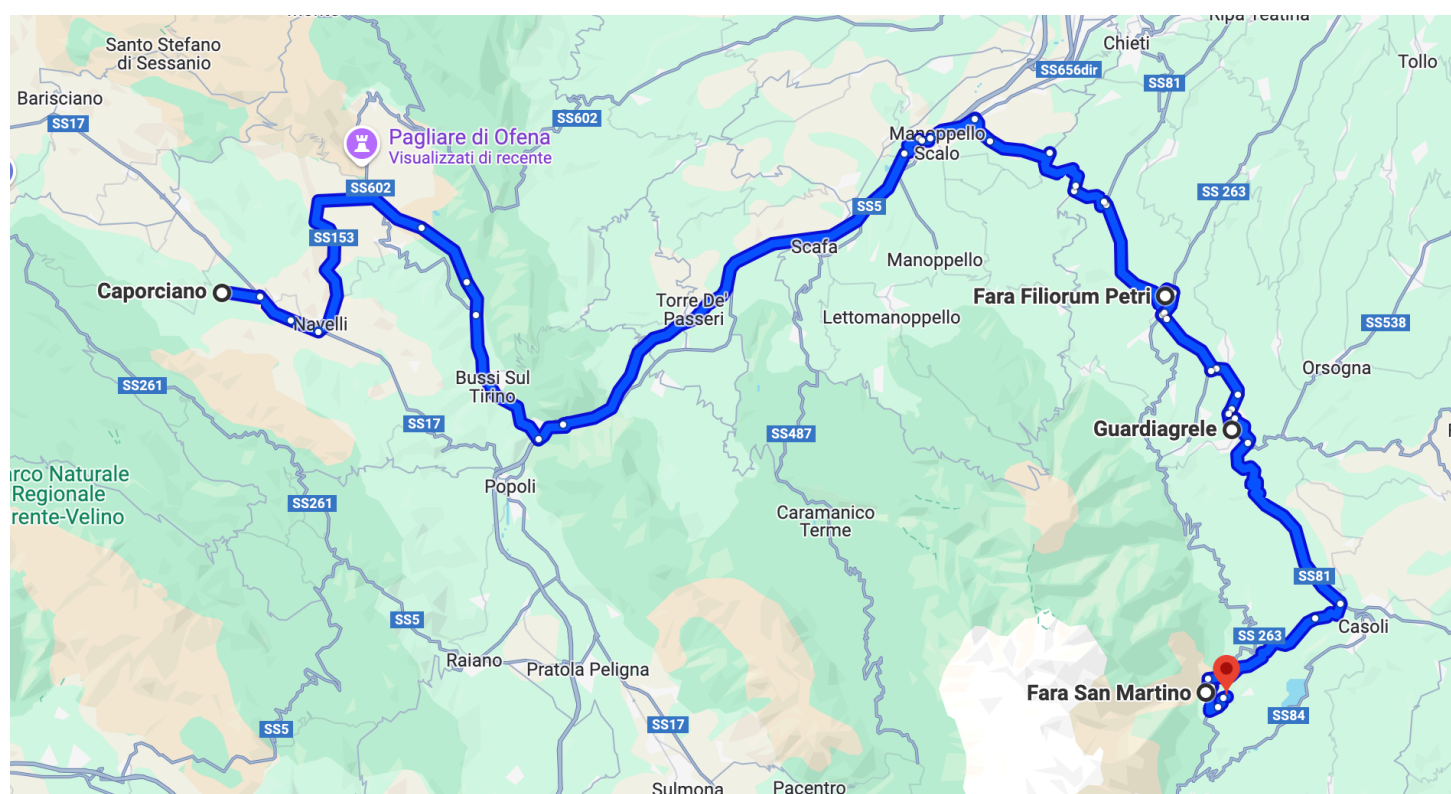
Fara San Martino is the emblem and spearhead of the pasta tradition.

Lying on the plain, in the center of the Val di Foro, with the historic center located close to a small hill, Fara Filiurum Petri is surrounded by three rivers: the Foro, the Vesola Sant'Angelo and the Vesola San Martino.

Ranked among the most beautiful villages in Italy, Guardiagrele is located at 576 m above sea level, on the

eastern side of the Maiella. The historic center is enclosed within the ancient city walls where medieval towers still stand.

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Fara San Martino is a small town, nestled under the Majella, which is fully identified in its pasta, in its historic pasta factories, in the water from the springs of the Verde river, one of the fundamental elements for this product recognized throughout the world.

Fara San Martino, the small village of 1400 inhabitants, is home to four pasta factories. The place has earned the title of water and pasta capital thanks to the great wealth given by the Verde river and the great entrepreneurial ability of some locals. Here are located the Pastificio De Cecco which celebrated 130 years since its

foundation, the Pastificio Del Verde managed by an Argentine multinational, the Pastificio del Cav. Cocco which produces artisanal pasta with its ancient bronze dies and the Pastificio Farabella, born about ten years ago and specialized in gluten-free pasta.



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The area is renowned for its gorges, which can be explored on an easy walk (helmet recommended). We start with a very narrow and suggestive passage, and just outside the narrow passage the ruins of the monastery appear, a medieval

architectural jewel re-emerged after a long campaign of archaeological excavations: THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF SAN MARTINO IN VALLE (9th/18th century AD). Continue until you reach a suggestive fountain

from which to return to the starting point.

At the end of the walk you can stop at the refreshment point at the del Verde springs.



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Lying on the plain, in the center of the Val di Foro, with the historic center located close to a small hill, Fara Filiorum Petri is an Abruzzo municipality surrounded by three rivers: the Foro, the Vesola Sant'Angelo and the Vesola Saint Martin. Of Lombard origin, the toponym, which means "land of the sons of Peter" places the foundation of the municipality, which today has around two thousand inhabitants, in the period of domination, between the 6th and 8th centuries AD, of the Germanic population of the Lombards .

The village is known for the "Farchie" festival which takes place on 16 January each year and for the cultivation of Fara

Filiorum Petri flat white onion, a Slow Food Presidium with its characteristic aroma and unmistakable flattened shape.

Ranked among the most beautiful villages in Italy, Guardiagrele is located at 576 m above sea level. on the eastern side of the Maiella. The historic center is enclosed within the ancient city walls where medieval towers still stand out, such as Torre Adriana and Torre Stella, and is also rich in monuments and notable architecture such as Largo Garibaldi with the Lombard Tower, Porta San Giovanni, Casa Marini, ancient seat of the mint and numerous stately buildings. The Piazza del

Duomo hosts the splendid Collegiate Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, made entirely of Maiella stone. Inside, a procession cross by Nicola da Guardiagrele is preserved, while the Church of San Francesco, located in the square of the same name, houses the remains of Saint Nicholas the Greek. Other very important places of worship are the Church of San Nicola di Bari, one of the oldest in the city and built on the remains of a pagan temple, the Church of San Silvestro, the Capuchin convent, the Church of San Rocco, the Church of Santa Maria del Carmine and the Church of Santa Chiara.



The "farchie" of Fara Filiorum Petri



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- a) To get to the Fara Gorges, at the Villa Comunale di Fara, you descend towards the pasta factories. At the bottom, turn left to go up towards the Verde springs until you reach a dirt road about 1 km from the starting point. Follow the dirt road for approx. 300 m still uphill. More quickly, coming from Lama dei Peligni towards the historic center of Fara, you can go down a clear hairpin bend which constitutes a lookout over the Gorges. Like all gorges, they can be subject to rockfall, so it is advisable to rely on qualified guides for the visit and not to go there in case of bad weather.

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