

Montestigliano

Walk 2

Distance - 5km (3 miles) **Rise and fall** - 350ft **Map:** Kompass 661, Siena, Chianti, Colline Senesi, 1:50,000.

An attractive circuit around the high ground of Montestigliano, using more of the lanes and other good tracks which are readily accessed from Stigliano. There is a fair amount of ascent, but no really steep gradients. Some good viewpoints.

Start/car parking: HPB Palazzo Stigliano

Refreshments: None en route

Note: It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. **Thank you for your help and happy walking.**

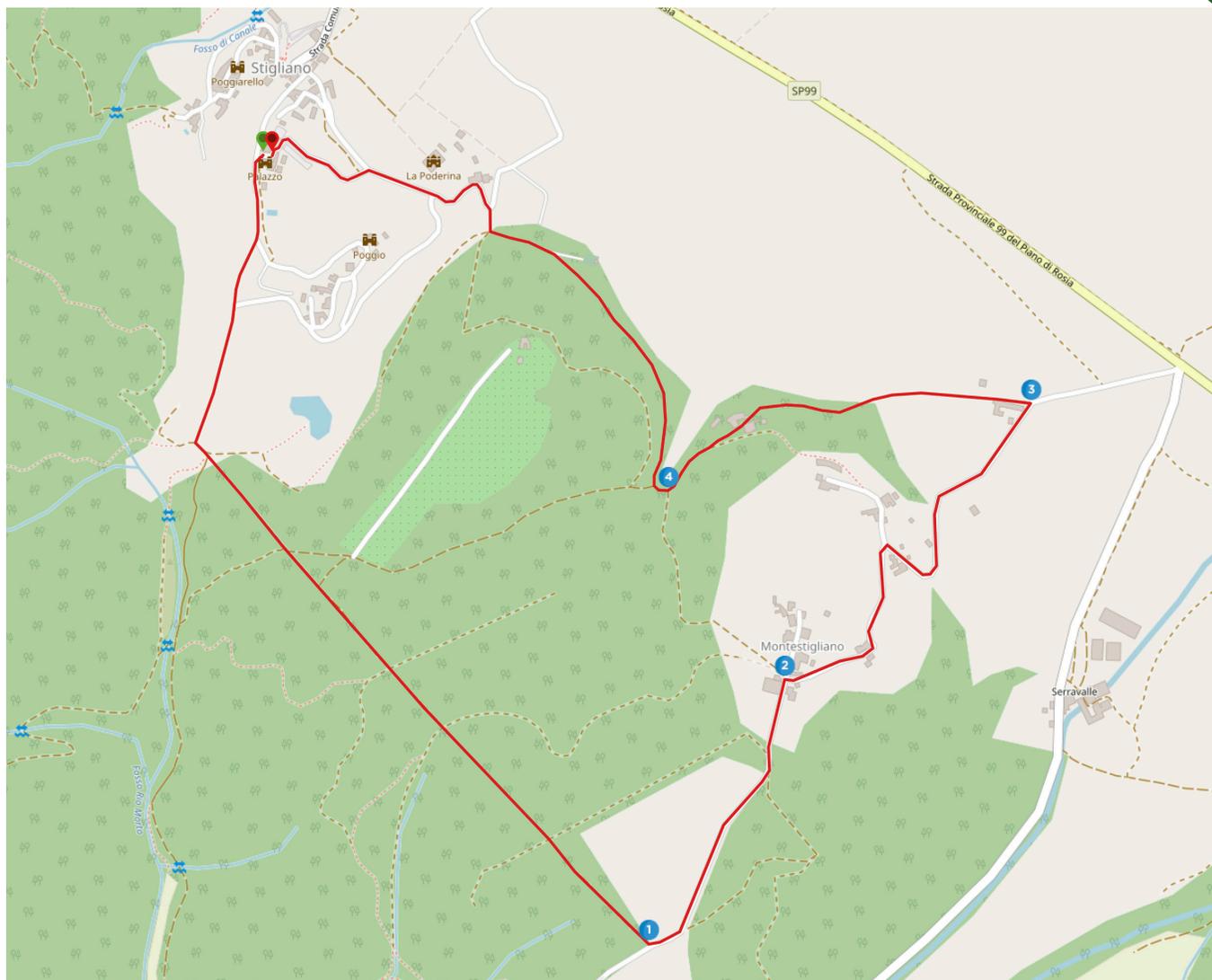
Walk down the path to the right of Reception to descend to the lane on the West of the HPB property. Bear left, walking South uphill along the road. Go past the "Poggio" turning. Pass the swampy depression then bear left to walk for about ¾ mile up the rough track which is an avenue of cypresses, passing two crossroad, with former millstones on the sides.

1. At the far end, turn left along a farm track. The view includes the wooded hills behind Orgia. Stay with the main track at a junction and head downhill towards a large farmstead, Montestigliano, **ignoring the 'No entry/dead-end' sign.**

2. At the junction immediately before the main farm buildings turn right, downhill. Pass a few houses and bear left, following the walled track through an olive grove, still descending, going towards more farm buildings. On the left there is a fountain with plaque dated 1873; alongside there is also a communal washing trough. Bend sharp right here to continue a zig-zag descent along an avenue of cypresses, through an open field. Reach a large block of derelict/farm property (Vacchereccia) at a bend.

3. Here turn sharp left, walking west, onto what could easily pass as an English country lane, rather than going down the avenue of cypresses leading to the main road. Carry on over a cattle grid. Soon you reach Valli, a sad looking abandoned hamlet and then get to a junction with a large iron cross on a brick plinth on the left of the track (it may be hidden by foliage).

4. Bear round to the right onto the first track of two, just before a disused quarry, to follow another undulating lane. Shortly the small Stigliano cemetery can be seen through the trees on the right. At a junction bear right, going to the right of the grass paddock of Poderina Castle and join the main tarmac road leading to Palazzo Stigliano. Turn left to rise to the derelict Stigliano church and return to the Palazzo.



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