## **Route description**

**Full circuit** (2h 30). Starting from the car park at the **Council Offices**, walk through the gardens below it and follow the narrow street to the left; this leads shortly to the **parish church of San Lorenzo**. Turn left and walk down Via Roma for about 800 metres.

At the **chapel of San Sebastiano**, keep to the left along the level on the ridge; go past some houses and there is a short dirt road leading to the **church of San Lorenzo** (24), standing on its summit. At the rear there is a parking area for cars and campervans.

Continue to the right on a grassy path, going downhill to reach the road SP12c, where you turn left, walk about 200 metres then left again on a dirt road for about 180 metres.

At the boundary between a wood and a field a small downhill path departs to the right, bends left after about ten metres then drops steeply into the wood. When you reach the bottom of the valley, cross it and set off to the right on a level dirt road that leads back to the SP12c (with a stopping area). Follow this for about 230 metres on the level, then turn left beside a house, on a dirt road going uphill.

The road passes alongside the fencing of the **Oasi Lipu**, an animal sanctuary that takes care of wild birds and animals that are injured or in difficulty. Turn left and follow a gravel track, on the level, towards a farmhouse.

When you reach the tarmac road, Strada Baldichieri, walk along it to the left up the hill; at the junction with Strada Serra there is a flight of steps on the left, leading up to the **church of San Carlo**.

Go back to the junction with Strada Serra and walk downhill between the houses of the Noceto valley.

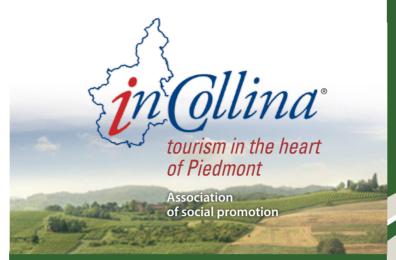
After about 400 metres, turn left on to the unsurfaced road, with a stretch passing through the woods with alternating ups and downs; when you reach a fork keep to the right and stay on the track through the woods. At the next junction there is a sharp left turn on an unsurfaced road going down to the bottom of the valley.

At the T-junction turn left on the tarmac road, which starts off on the level, before meeting hairpin bends, and then leads to a junction, where you should turn right, to get back to the starting point.

**Optional shorter circuit** (1h 30). On leaving the **church of San Carlo**, take an unsurfaced road on the left, which goes down to the bottom of the valley, through a wooded area, before climbing up the opposite side to reach Via Roma. Turn to the right to get back to the starting point.

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