

Route description

First stage (20 min). Starting from square Regina Margherita in Montiglio Monferrato, take Via Padre Carpignano through the town and continue in the direction of the cemetery on asphalted roads for about ten minutes. Then you come to the XIIth century Romanesque parish church of **San Lorenzo**, of which the interior can be visited.

Second stage (45 min). Take the unpaved road to the right of the ancient pieve church and go down to the bottom of the valley through the cultivated fields, cross the main road SP22 and then start climbing again on the unpaved road until you come to the asphalted road SP2. Turn left here and after a few metres you reach the Sanctuary of Nostra Signora del monte Carmelo, with its 12 little chapels in front.

Third stage (25 min). Retrace your steps along the SP2 for a few hundred metres, then take an unpaved road on the right, which runs alongside the main road for a stretch and leads to the churchyard of Scandeluzza, where after a short climb, you come to the romanese church of **Santi Sebastiano** and **Fabiano**, a building which a square layout and a semi-circular apse.

Fourth stage (90 min). Go back again on the SP2 and turn right, then after about one hundred metres turn left on to an unpaved road, which first goes down, amidst cultivated fields, and then climbs up again to the little village of Albarengo alto. After a hundred metres or so, turn left on to an unpaved road leading to the local district of Praie, where it rejoins the asphalted road and continue towards Montiglio Monferrato. On reaching the exhibition centre turn left and continue up the hill after the roundabout, towards the railway station. After a short distance take an unpaved road on the right and climb up to the rest home.

At that point, turn right on to the asphalted road and go up the hill to the castle, a manor house of medieval origins (XIIth century) which stands majestically dominating the surrounding hills. This castle was the theatre for fighting between the free municipality of Asti and the marquise of Monferrato (1191-1206), but in 1305 it was completely destroyed and the whole village was then rebuilt during the XVth century.

Within the castle grounds there stands the fourteenth century chapel of **Sant'Andrea**, which houses frescoes of the "Maestro of Montiglio" (who also worked in Vezzolano) dating back to around 1340.

Lastly, go down through the higher and more historical part of the village of Montiglio Monferrato to return after a short while to the starting point.

Worth noting is the unique feature of at least fifty sundials, ancient and modern, the most recent ones all the work of the artist Mario Tabenghi, on the façades of the town's buildings. On the bell tower of the parish church, devoted to **Nostra Signora della Pace** and dating back to the XVIth century, one of the most ancient sundials of Montiglio is still preserved.



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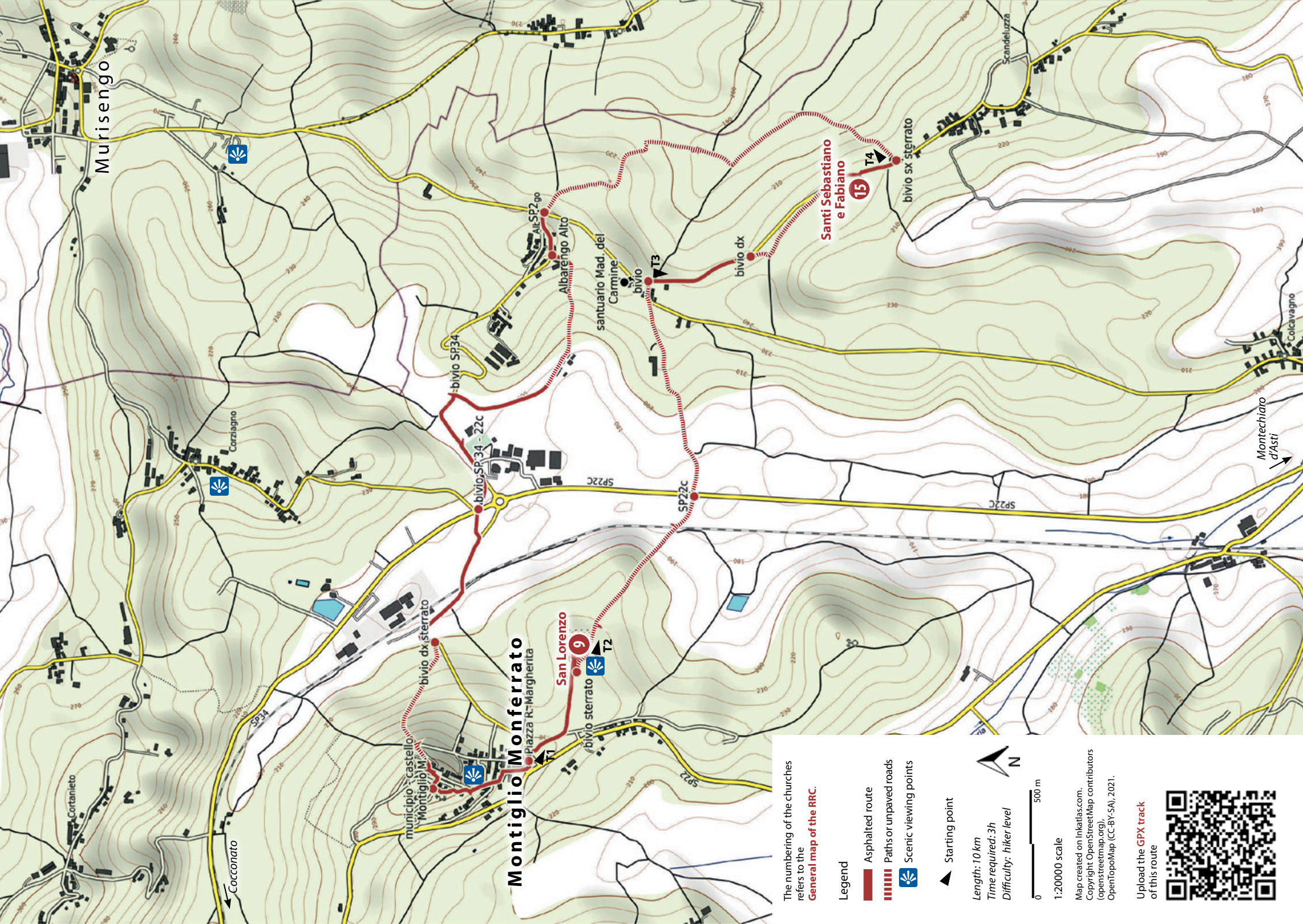


Church of San Lorenzo,
Montiglio Monferrato



Abbeys and churches between
the river Po and Monferrato





Montiglio Monferrato

Santi Sebastiano e Fabiano

Montiglio Monferrato

San Lorenzo

- Asphalted route
- Paths or unpaved roads
- Scenic viewing points

Starting point

Length: 10 km
Time required: 3h
Difficulty: hiker level

1:20000 scale
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