

Card of the Agrifogli Giganti's path

Difficulty: Easy

Length: 1,2 km

Duration: 2 hours

Recommended period: Spring – Summer – Autumn

Heights: 1260 – 1400 m

Clothes: Hiking shoes, windbreaker

Places: Woods – refuge

Flora: Hollies, secular oaks

Fauna: Fox, wild boar, deer

Vegetation in the highest part of Castelbuono's territory is made up of chestnuts (600/900m) holm oaks, oaks (900/1200m), hollies, secular oaks (1200/1400m) and beeches (over 1400m). The path, that starts from the Piano Sempria refuge through a street made up of stones and that is under Forestale's domain, is easy to explore and plunges people in a magic atmosphere of rare beauty. The first plants you can meet are the secular oaks, which are over 800 years old and you can find them for 300 more metres. After a flat area, you will arrive at Piano Pomo. You can make a break in a Forestale's haystack, where you can observe Etna's view, than you have to make 300 metres more to look at the giant hollies. This is the only site in Sicily in which you can find plants, that are always green and their height is from 20 to 25 metres, and they are famous for their red berries, gained in Winter.