

GUBBIO, THE “CERF” AND THE MYSTERIOUS BOTTACCIONE

Starting and finishing point: Gubbio

Distance: 52 km.

Total ascent: 1,070 metres

Grade: medium

Road surface: asphalt

Recommended type of bike: road

Places to visit in the area: Gubbio, the Bottaccione Gorge, Monte Cucco, Scheggia.

- KM 0 Starting point: the car park in front of Gubbio football ground, a short distance from the *Roman amphitheatre*. Turn **left** towards **Scheggia**
- KM 0.5 Bear **left** towards **Scheggia**, and at the next junction turn **right**.
- KM 1 Start of climb up the *Bottaccione Gorge*, a scientific site of international renown.
- KM 2.9 Turning for *S. Ubaldo*. Carry **straight on** towards **Scheggia**.
- KM 5.2 Valico del **Bottaccione**: end of climb. Carry on towards Scheggia.
- KM 12 **Scheggia**: at the junction, turn **right** towards Rome.
- KM 12.5 Turn **left** towards **Senigallia** and **Sassoferrato**.
- KM 17.5 Turn **left** off the SS360 towards **Cagli** and **Cantiano**.
- KM 27 **Cantiano**.
- KM 28 Turn **left** at the roundabout, towards **Gubbio**.
- KM 29.4 At the junction for **Rome** carry **straight on** towards **S. Rocco**.
- KM 31.9 At the roundabout follow the signs to **Rome** and **Gubbio**, which will take you onto the SP3. *Be careful for the first kilometre, as this section is generally busy.*
- KM 32.5 **Pontericcioni**: at the junction turn **left** towards **Rome**.
- KM 34 **Buotano**: if you bear **right** you can see the remains of the *ancient Roman road the Via Flaminia*. Beginning of the climb up to the Scheggia Pass (**Valico di Scheggia**).
- KM 39 **Valico di Scheggia**.
- KM 40 Scheggia: at the junction turn **right** towards **Gubbio**.
- KM 47 **Valico del Bottaccione**.
- KM 51.5 **Gubbio**: at the roundabout turn **left** and then **right**, back towards the town’s football ground, or alternatively turn **left** and cycle into Gubbio’s fascinating town centre.
- KM 52 Turn **right** and return to the starting point at the football ground.