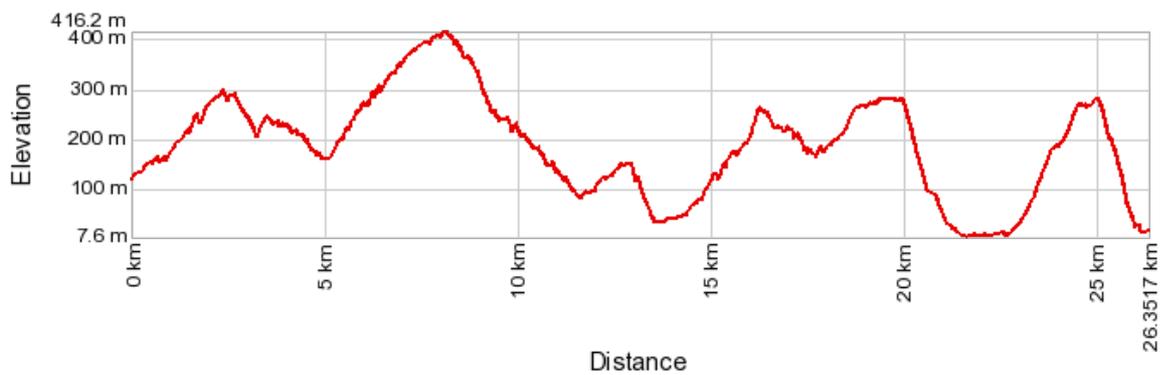




## Leg 20 from Boissano to Finalborgo

<b>Total length</b>	26,4 km
<b>Hiking time</b>	8h 15'
<b>Cumulative elevation gain</b>	1200 m
<b>Uphill percentage</b>	45%
<b>Downhill percentage</b>	43%
<b>Percentage of hike on natural earth</b>	42 %
<b>Percentage of hike on asphalt</b>	57%
<b>Percentage of hike on paved surface</b>	1 %
<b>Percentage of hike on other surface</b>	



**General description:**

From Boissano this long leg runs eastwards to the hamlet of Losano, it crosses the Maremola Stream and reaches the old centre of Tovo S. Giacomo. From here the itinerary climbs up the slopes of Monte Grosso before descending to the coast near Pietra Ligure and Borgio Verezzi. After passing in front of the Grottos of Valdemino and the Sanctuary of Buon Consiglio, the ancient trail ascends again until the enchanting perched hamlet of Verezzi. From here you reach the Church of S. Martino and, descending through a beautiful holm oak grove, you end up in the characteristic hamlet of Finalborgo, surrounded by its Medieval protecting walls.

**Description of the itinerary**

From the centre of Boissano follow Via Gaitte until Via delle Ginestre. At the intersection with Via Losano, follow this last one up until Via Pineta Martini, on top of which you will find the trail marked with a “red circle crossed by a line”. Follow the trail until the right fork, which leads downhill to a bar.

Continue up to the left until the Church of S. Libera.

Go on until the hamlet of Verzi. After passing under the arch, in the centre of the hamlet, turn left on the road towards the Church.

Continue uphill along the road in front of the Church, until the fork with the sign pole indicating Rifugio Pian delle Bosse.

The Sentiero Liguria continues uphill on the right. Passed some country houses the road becomes dirt. At the fork turn left and continue on the road until a crossroads near an old circular building.

Take the road that descends on the right to Valsorda.

Cross the hamlet and continue down on Via Valsorda.

At the intersection with the provincial road SP24, follow this last one until the bridge, near a pharmacy. Turn right and continue on the provincial road until the intersection with Via Fregolo, that you will have to follow until Via 18 Gennaio.

The route is now marked with a “red square” until Tovo S. Giacomo.

Crossed the Maremola Stream, walk up the hamlet of Tovo until the hamlet of Bardino Vecchio.

In Bardino you can make a stop for lunch or a quick snack and you can admire the Castle dei Folchi.

Crossed the small square Bardino, take Via dei Folchi downhill. At a turn of the road, take the trail that ascends on the right until Via Oliveto, passing through farmed terraces.

The route continues uphill, above the hamlet of Tovo S. Giacomo, following the road first, and then the trail leading to the top of Bronà.

Continue up until a wide clearing with a drinking fountain and a shelter near a dog training field.

Continuing straight on you will reach a wetland area. After bypassing this area, continue downhill and take the trail marked with a “red line and dot”.

The trail mark is quite old, and in some places it has been covered with green varnish. Pay attention in order to follow the right route until Pietra Ligure.

The trail ends up in Via S. Francesco, at n° 233. Continue downhill along the road until the sport field.

Passed the sport field, continue straight on until the Sanctuary del Buon Consiglio, just outside Borgio. Cross the old centre of the village and take Via delle Sevore uphill, after passing the Grottos of Valdemino.

On top of the road, take the trail marked with “two red triangles”. The trail follows an ancient farmer’s route connecting Borgio to the characteristic hamlet of Verezzi, which is worth a visit.

From Verezzi the Sentiero Liguria continues up until the Church of S. Martino Vescovo (patron saint of Verezzi).

The Church, dating back to circa 1600, overlooks the hamlet. From the square in front of the Church you can enjoy a beautiful view over the coastline between Borgio and Capo Mele.



From S. Martino the route continues downhill, following the mark with “three red dots”. Passed a clearing the trail enters a holm oak forest characterised by beautiful big old trees ensuring a pleasant shade, even during the hot summer days. The trail is almost flat until a little Chapel, after which it becomes steeper and strenuous.

The trail ends on the road connecting Finale to Colle del Melogno. Cross the busy road and continue northwards. After a few hundred metres pass the old city door to enter the characteristic hamlet of Finalborgo.