



Leg 24 from Cervo to Marina di Andora

Total length	10,4 km
Hiking time	3h 30'
Cumulative elevation gain	377 m
Uphill percentage	52%
Downhill percentage	34%
Percentage of hike on natural earth	66 %
Percentage of hike on asphalt	33 %
Percentage of hike on paved surface	1 %
Percentage of hike on other surface	



**General description:**

This beautiful leg of the Sentiero Liguria starts from the historic centre of Cervo. The trail heads up eastwards along the ridge, after passing through the beautiful nature site of the municipal gardens of Ciapà. The itinerary descends through farmed terraces, Mediterranean scrubland and mixed woods, until an old stone bridge over the stream Merula. Crossed the bridge it continues towards Andora and, finally it ends up in Marina di Andora.

Description of the itinerary:

This Leg of the Sentiero Liguria, that leads to Andora, starts in Cervo. Leave the castle behind you and cross the municipal gardens of Ciapà. The park is characterised by many different species of plants and different animals, whose tracks can be seen among the vegetation. The trail runs pleasantly up to Colle Castellareto (212 m a.s.l.) and Colle di Cervo (324 m). From here, you continue up along the ridge until Colle Mea (398 m) and the pass Passo Chiappa (382 m).

Passo Chiappa is an important intersection of paths, from where different trails lead to the hamlets of Conna, Villa Faraldi, Rollo and to Pizzo d'Evigno (989 m), joining the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri.

The Sentiero Liguria continues down in the direction of Andora (the trail is marked with a "full red diamond"), passing through a mixed wood with typical Mediterranean plants.

At the bottom of the descent you will be near Andora. Pass along the many little country houses and farmed plots, until the Church of S. Giovanni Battista.

Continue on the flat road until the old Roman stone bridge that, in past times, connected to the trail to Colla Micheri

Cross the Roman bridge with its ten arches over the Merula Stream and continue on the road. Pass under the modern bridge of the highway. After crossing this downgraded area, the road will turn into an old mule track that leads slightly up to the Castle of Andora (Paraxo). Before the Castle you will see the interesting remains of an old Medieval fountain, where the pilgrims used to refresh themselves.

Passed the fountain you will intersect the trail that allows to ascend to Colla Micheri. The Sentiero Liguria continues up on the right, until the top of a hill from where you can admire the Romanic Church of S.S. Giacomo and Filippo and the Castle of Andora.

The road descends to Via S. Lazzaro, one of the most important roads of Andora. Continuing towards the sea you will reach the centre, where this leg ends.