

**DISCOVER
CAPRERA**

**TRAIL
N.14**

**MINI HIKE GUIDE
TO
CALA NAPOLETANA
& CALA CRUCITTA**

**La Maddalena Archipelago
National Park**



DESCRIPTION

LET YOURSELF BE INSPIRED BY NATURE

Among the several trails available to choose from, this one in particular, best enables to appreciate the uniqueness of all aspects enshrined in this island: landscape and nature with their emphatic beauty intermingle gently with the its historic high value.

The trail starts at the foot of Arbuticci fortress, taking the old cart road further north, walking downhill you reach a shady ilex grove, beyond which the trail goes through deep scrub of thick heathers and myrtles. Where the vegetation starts thinning out, turn left at the crossroad toward Cala Napoletana. Continue going slightly downhill, before arriving in one of the most scenic spots of the trail: a broken-down lookout post that will make your effort definitely worthwhile - a spectacular far view of the Bonifacio strait, and the northwestern islands of the National Park, Barrettini, Corcelli, S.Maria, Budelli e Razzoli.

Once left the lookout post behind, you will reach Cala Napoletana, an ample bay where the sea offers its magnificent shades of blue, which includes two small beaches, perfect spot for a soothing swim. Continuing North, behind the beach, you will reach the isthmus of Punta Crucitta. After an unforgettable visit of the golden sand beach, head back following the stone markers on the quite rough path that clambers to a small military posts and connect to the very first trail taking you to the starting point.

TECHNICAL FEATURES

 hr 1.15

 100 m

 4,5 km

 Easy

 Panoramic

 Trail marked by directional arrows and cairns

NEARBY

worth exploring, continuing northbound, the northernmost point of the island of Caprera, Punta Galera, referred to as the trial variant.

MUST-SEE

the Military Battery Messa del Cervo that can be spotted in the last part of the path. It was built between the first and second world war and served as anti aircraft and anti torpedo controlling Northeast quadrant of the horizon. The post was armed with "Milmart" (Naval Artillery Militia) that consisted of 4 cannons 102/35 of the type "Oto 1933", with a range of 6,000 meters, connected to a shooting station of type "Bragadin-Emeralds". The logistics layout comprised of four pitches for the cannons with eight smaller depots and two large ones for storing ammunitions, barracks. a guard house and the Director Control Tower.