

## TWO SHORT WALKS

### A. Circular Walk to Vertine

About 30 mins out, and 45mins back. Allow a good hour+ if you are thinking of taking lunch at Carloni on way down. There is also a small café bar in Vertine, open in summer only (closing day, Monday).

1. From the Borgo exit, turn right and head up the hill. At the junction, turn right and continue uphill, passing the B&B complex on your right (which you can see from our garden above you).
2. Follow the road uphill. From where the gradient begins to ease, you can see the hamlet of Vertine ahead left.
3. At the junction, turn left to enter Vertine and take a few minutes to wander around or enjoy a beer in the café bar. About a dozen local families resident all year – so pretty quiet. (A few historical comments in Chianti Heart of Tuscany, page 209).
4. On leaving Vertine, carry straight on at the junction (rather than tracing your steps downhill), and follow the tarmac road past the cemetery on your right.
5. Shortly after this the tarmac changes to 'white road'. A few more minutes, and turn right when you reach the junction.
6. Follow the steep hill down, turns back to tarmac about half way.
7. Shortly after the first few houses of Gaiole on left, you can see entrance to 'Carloni' – a good steak-and-more-meat restaurant open lunchtimes (only) in winter.
8. Short walk down to main road and Gaiole High Street. Turn right into main road for quickest walk back to church and the road home.

### B. Circular Walk via Riecine and Cappernelle

About an hours steady walk back to High Street. To get your bearings, you can see both these wineries from the rear breakfast terrace. Cappernelle (bigger) to the left, and Riecine (below the castle ruin) to the right.

1. From the Borgo, walk down the hill to the main road by the church. Turn left, and cross the main road and over the old stone bridge.
2. Turn right into the top of the High St, then immediately left up past Cini.
3. Uphill, past the Enotecnica, follow the road round to the first proper left turn. Take this and follow the road up into the woods and out of town.
4. Quite steep now! But soon some good views. Shortly after holiday cottage, tarmac turns to 'white road'.
5. Uphill, and shortly arrive at Riecine winery on left. (Direct Sales might be open). Another hundred metres or so and take track to left.
6. Now you can see Riecine villa on your left. Top of hill in just a few more metres.
7. Track winds down to back of Cappernelle. Walk through the complex taking the steep concrete road down to the left of the buildings.
8. Follow down to top of High St and straight on for town centre and home.