

Viadelsole

Pilgrims ways

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Travel Tips

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As you embark on your thrilling journey through the picturesque landscapes of Italy, we invite you to **immerse yourselves in the local culture by learning a few essential Italian words** that will enhance your hiking experience.





Parole / words

Italian	English
Via	Street
Piazza	Square
Strada	Road
Vicolo	Alley
Sentiero	Trail (however the "sentieri" with a number Ex: " sentiero 101 " correspond to a network designed by an official authority and can refer to different type of road, even paved stretches if part of an itinerary)
SP + a number	Road maintained by the Province
SS + a number	Major road maintained by the central government
Ristorante	Restaurant
Bar	Café
Agriturismo	Country Inn
Azienda Agricola	Producing farm
Alimentari	Food shop
Frutta e verdura	Fruits and vegetable shop



Parole / words

Italian	English
Centro	Centre of town
Centro storico	The old part of the town
CAI	Club Alpino Italiano (Italian Alpine Club). There is one in almost every Italian town and sometimes design and signpost the trails
Municipio	Communal Palace
Carabinieri	Police station
Stop	On a white triangular sign lined in red – to be found at the intersection of a smaller road with a major one. It is a priority sign.
Potabile / non potabile	Drinkable / non drinkable water
Apt or Info point	The town information point
Bancomat	ATM

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THE ROAD SIGNS

In Italy at the entrance of a town there is a rectangular panel with the name of the town and at the exit there is the same panel with a red line barring it.

As the panels mark the limits of the communal territory, sometimes they come long before or long after the effective beginning or ending of town.



INIZIO CENTRO ABITATO



FINE CENTRO ABITATO



TYPE OF ROADS

Along the way you will find many types of roads; we have tried to maintain a certain distinction although the difference between them it is not always easy to define. However, it may be of help to know that to us:

Paved road or asphalt road indicate the same type of road.

Unpaved road is most of the time a wide dirt road where cars can run.

Dirt road is a rougher unpaved road that is normally not passable by car.

Cobbled road is a road made of large flat stones.

Original pavement it is a stretch of Roman or Medieval road that remained unchanged through the centuries.

Trail, path - it can indicate anything from a narrow, rough dirt road to a grassy hardly visible path.



THE OFFICIAL SIGNAGE

Via Francigena

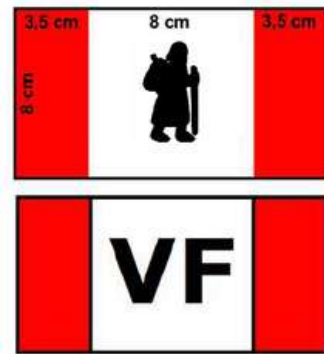
The "official" signs installed so far along the itinerary are of various types. In addition to the official trail signs, numerous other trail signs can be found along the route.

A **metal road** sign which is installed along the sections of the route where motor vehicles also pass.





Red-white signs with the black pilgrim symbol. Stickers are usually found on electricity poles but are present everywhere



Yellow aluminum supports: with signpost with arrow



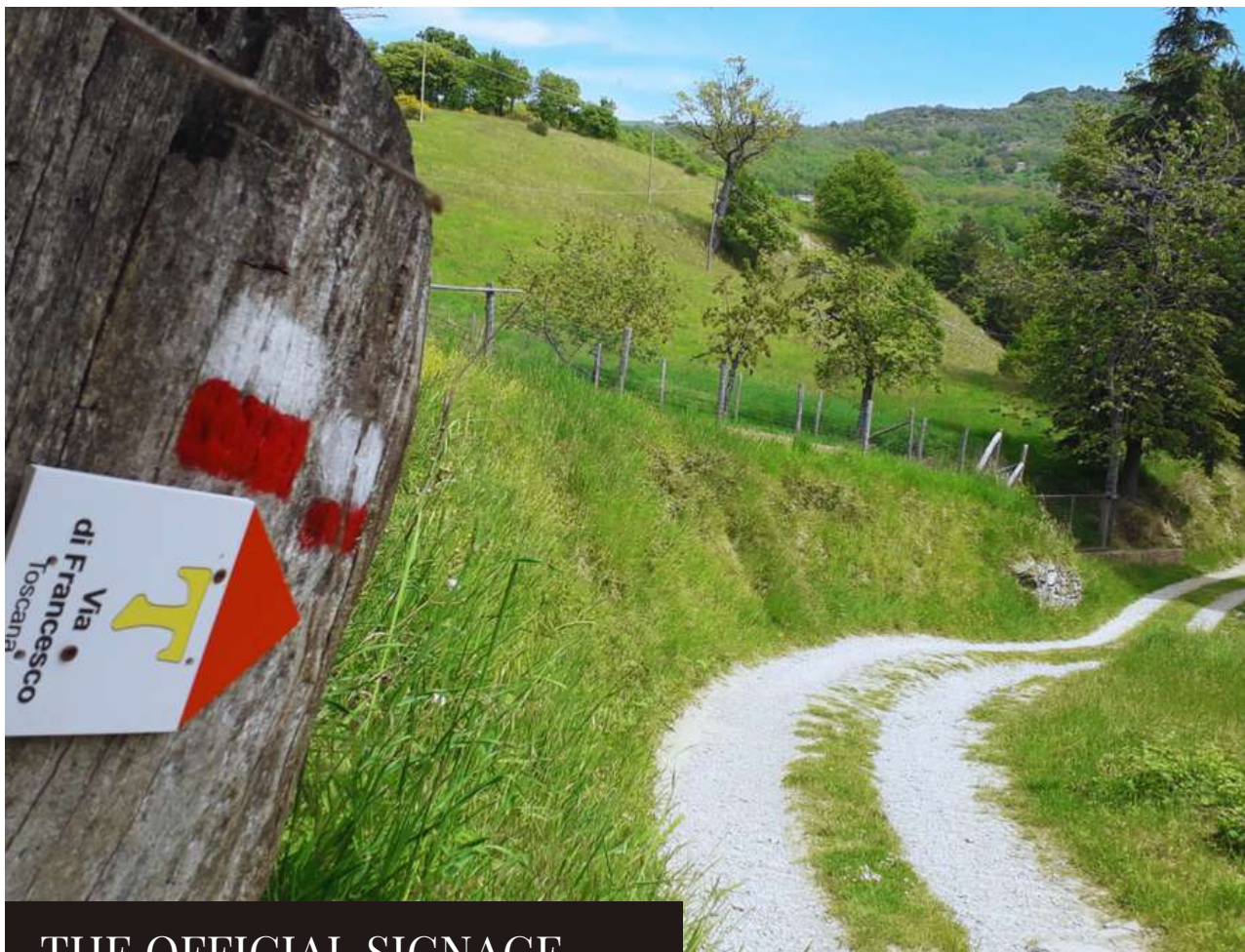


Cippo (stone signs)

Cippi are the ideal solution for off-road routes.



You can also find **information signs** with details on the route and various insights.



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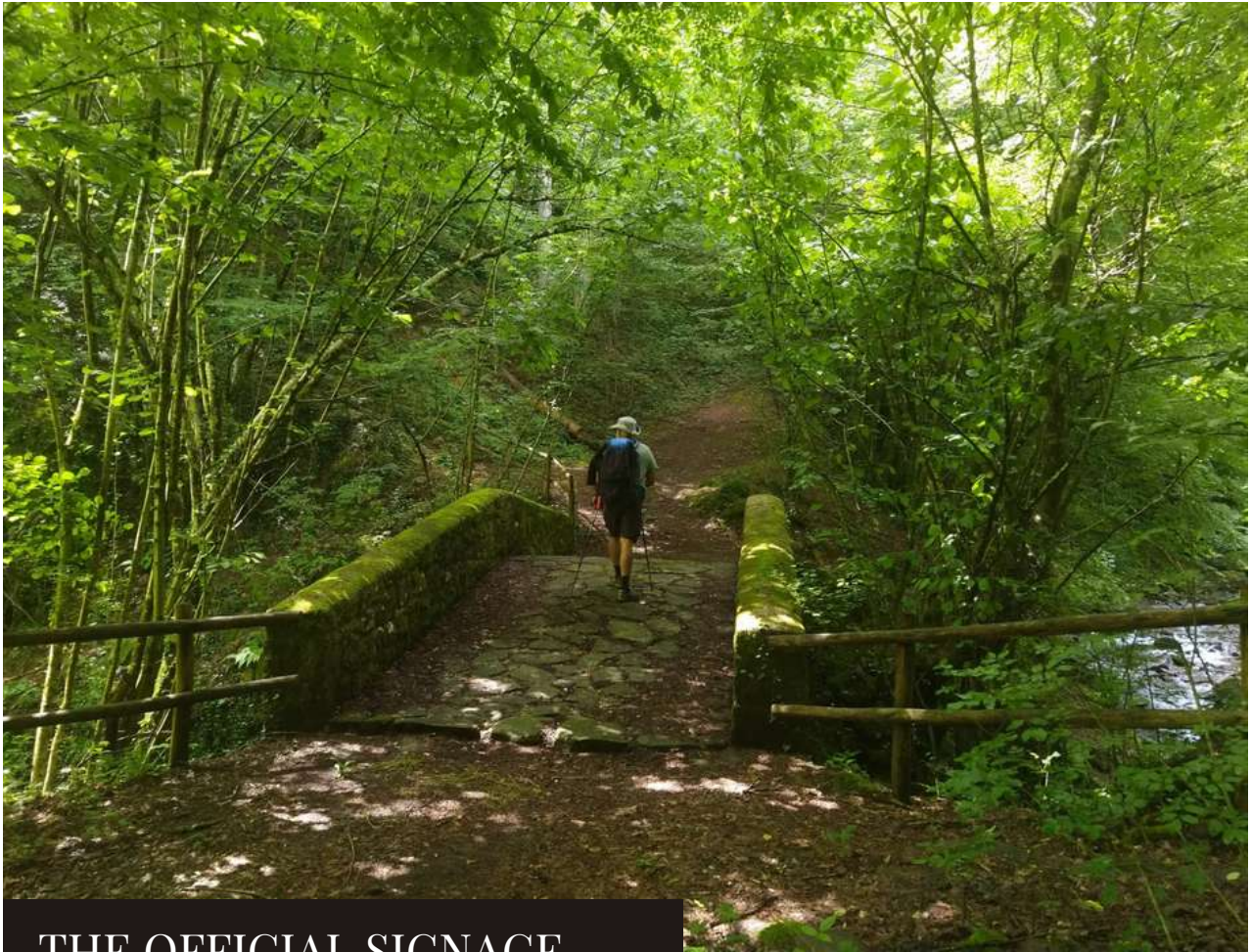
Via di Francesco

The signage of the Via di Francesco is complete and safe along the entire route. In the Tuscan stretch, for now, you have to rely on the white-red CAI trail signs and the yellow Tau.

In Umbria, the **yellow-blue trail signs and the yellow Tau** appear, positioned with attention to the bidirectionality of the route, and the poles with signs of the same color. In Lazio the situation is similar to Umbria.







THE OFFICIAL SIGNAGE

Via Ghibellina

The Via Ghibellina can be followed by following the signs with the **orange arrow** or the **white and red** signs.



Tips for navigating the Pilgrims ways

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Look out for and follow the Pilgrims Ways signs and markings – In all their different forms they are useful, but not always there when you most need them.

2

Know the order of towns, villages, and places you will be passing through and by before setting out for your day's walk – At least then if you get lost you can ask your way back on track.

3

Make use of water taps – the Pilgrims ways can be a hot and thirsty work. Fortunately, there are, occasionally, water taps on street corners, outside cemeteries and elsewhere on route to provide a welcome oasis.

4

When you cross a fence or a closed gate, close it again after you, it's there to prevent the escape of grazing animals.

5

Our app will guide you step by step and remember that you can also use it in offline mode.



*Enjoy
your
adventure*

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