

TRANS-APENNINE * RAINMEN CHALLENGE

WHAT IS THE TRANS-APENNINE?

It's the ride across the Apennines by way of the secondary passes from Scarperia to the Laghi Pontini near Bagno di Romagna. A 158 km route most of which by quiet, evocative backwaters – the main passes are much busier.

The itinerary must be completed on the day that appears on the departure voucher, and no later than 5 hours later, confirmed by the last voucher duly stamped and timed. The Challenge is also valid in the other direction. It is not official on Mondays and Thursday when the checkpoints are closed. In any case you are advised to verify the checkpoint closing days before starting off because they may vary from time to time, and the organisers may modify the route according to needs.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE THE RAINMEN CHALLENGE?

A love of biking, a comfortable bike, a modicum of stamina, an iron backside and a good roadmap, That's all.

HOW DO YOU MAKE YOUR TRANS-APENNINE VALID?

Go into the checkpoint bar, have a coffee or something and have the receipt voucher stamped on the back with the "rainmen" stamp and the date and time written clearly to prove departure.

Likewise at Palazzuolo sul Senio, where there are two places you can check through.

The third checkpoint is at Tredozio. Arrival and last checkpoint is at Lago Pontini.

If the time between the first and last checkpoint stamps does not exceed 5 hours, send us an e-mail (the address is on the website) and we'll send you the instructions on where to send the vouchers. After verification, you will receive the sticker certifying your successful participation in the challenge.

IMPORTANT – BEFORE SETTING OUT

The Trans-Apennine Challenge is not a race but a competition in smooth, regular riding, correct map-reading and withstanding the rigours of the saddle. The Highway Code must be observed at all times (independently of whether or not you are tackling the Challenge). The organisers accept no responsibility for accidents or unforeseen events.

In undertaking the Challenge, participants declare having understood these conditions and accepting them.

CHECKPOINTS

SCARPERIA

Bar Sport, via Roma 54, tel 055846090. Closed on MONDAY

PALAZZUOLO sul Senio

La Bottega dei Portici, Piazza Garibaldi 3, TEL:055 80 46 580. Closed on MONDAY

Bar Gelateria Gentilini, via Roma 9, tel 055 8046098. July/August always open. Closed on FRIDAY

TREDOZIO

Bar 2000, via S. Giorgio1, tel 0546 943698. Closed on THURSDAY

LAGO PONTINI

Bar Ristorante Dalla Fernanda, info: Samuele 340 9871104. In winter closed on MONDAY

ROAD-BOOK

The instructions are to be read from the bottom up

They are deliberately summarised in order to leave room for the map and future variations to the route.

The kilometres are indicative, firstly because kilometre counters differ in precision and because the distance is also affected by the style of riding – differences can exceed 10%. Zero your kilometre counter mentally or effectively at every check-point

Bikers taking part in the Challenge are reminded that their style of riding and conduct on and off the road affects how bikers are perceived in general. Enjoy yourselves but don't cast a shadow over the biker confraternity.

ACCOMMODATION – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

If you need overnight accommodation, apply to the following address

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