

### **Ring from Villalba to Monte Rufeno**

It is a fairly demanding itinerary. It starts from the Villalba Park e through the "Path of the Brigands" it arrives near the Entrance No. 6 of the Monte Rufeno Nature Reserve. From here it continues through the paths on the road white of the reserve, along the so-called "Path of Health", equipped to do physical exercises. It then winds along a section of the "Coppi" cycle path and a section of the "Felceto" Nature Trail where it is also possible to observe the reconstructions a real size of a charcoal pit and the hut of the charcoal burner himself, as well as they were used in the past. It then continues to climb reaching the top of Monte Rufeno which, with its 734 m a.s.l. it is the best known and most evident hill in the reserve to which it gives its name, although it is not actually the highest point. Here it is also found the important structure of the Astronomical Observatory which can be visited upon reservation for guided observations through the Nuova Pegasus association. Very beautiful is from Monte Rufeno the view that opens, to the west, on the initial stretch of the Paglia valley. The return is initially downhill in a stretch of wood characterized by the presence of chestnut trees. Then continue on dirt roads for a few kilometers and, passing through Entrance 6, yes returns to the Villalba Park, reaching the equipped picnic area and the "La Villalba hut".