



Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	POPPI
Province	Arezzo
Tourist information	Tourist Information Office Via Nazionale 14/B - 52014 Poppi (AR) Tel. Tel. +39 0575 559054 Pro Loco Poppi Piazza F. Folli 2 – 52014 Poppi (AR) info@prolococentrostoricopoppi.it

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Description



Poppi is located in the Casentino valley, one of the greenest and quietest areas of Tuscany, between Arezzo and Florence, now a National Park. From the top of the village you can admire woods, Romanesque churches and villages scattered among the hills. Visiting the village of Poppi, in Tuscany, is an experience that combines history, art, nature and authenticity.

Poppi is a medieval village, surrounded by its mighty walls, on the top of which stands the Castle of the Guidi Counts dating back to the thirteenth century.

The history of the town is therefore closely linked to the events of this that dominated it from 1191 until 1440 when it became the seat of the vicar of the Florentine Republic. The family of the Guidi counts is responsible for the structure of the current medieval village: it was in fact Count Simone Guidi di Battifolle, who in 1200 began the

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transformation of the castle keep into a noble residence of the city and in 1261 had the current circle of walls built with the five access gates to the town now reduced to four. In Poppi the **Farmer's Market** is held every second and fourth Saturday of the month in the Gardens of Piazza Risorgimento in Ponte a Poppi. In addition, the food and wine event "**Il gusto dei Guidi - Wine Festival**" takes place annually in the summer, which includes tastings and a wine competition (the 27th edition took place from 22 to 24 August).

How to reach Poppi

By car	From the North A1 motorway exit Firenze sud (km 49) towards Pontassieve > > Consuma > Poppi From the South > the A1 motorway exit Arezzo (km 42) towards > Casentino > Bibbiena > Poppi From the East > the E 45 highway exit Bagno di Romagna (km 34) towards > Badia Prataglia > Soci > Poppi From the West > the A1 motorway exit Valdarno (km 59) towards > Terranuova Bracciolini > S. Giustino Valdarno > Passo della Cocina > Talla > Rassina > Bibbiena > Poppi
By plane	Florence "Vespucci" Airport (km 79) www.aeroporto.firenze.it Pisa "Galilei" Airport (km 140) www.pisa-airport.com Bologna "Marconi" Airport (km 174) www.bologna-airport.it
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes
Embarkation/disembarkation of passengers with reduced mobility	With courtesy chair and ambulift/lifter

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Tactile paths for the blind and visually impaired	Yes
There is a toilet room accessible with grab handles	Yes
By train	
Nearest station	Arezzo station (37 km) > local train LFI Arezzo-Stia (Poppi station)
Assistance service for people with disabilities	YES to Arezzo Station. NO to Poppi Station For assistance at stations, you can contact the Blue Rooms of the Italian Railway Network (RFI) to the toll-free number 800906060 (from a landline) or to the national number +39 02323232 (from a landline or mobile)
Blue Hall Reference	Location Florence
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	BY BUS Central Bus Station Italia Firenze (km 49) (linea Firenze – Bibbiena)
Presence of adapted buses with ramp	It is advisable to contact the toll-free number 800142424 or +0039 055 51351

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Parking

Public parking nearby	N. 1 parking lot in via Crudeli without spaces reserved for people with disabilities. N.1 parking lot in via Bianchi with reserved space
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES, N 2 reserved spaces in Via Bianchi, (not recommended as they are located in the lower part of the town and uncomfortable due to routes with very significant slopes) N1 parking space Hotel San Lorenzo, N. 1 position in Castello dei Conti Guidi, N. 1 position in Piazza Antonio Gramsci N. 1 place in Piazza Francesco Folli
Eventual notes	Poppi ZTL extends within the walls of the historic center. ZTL A active from 01/07 to 31/08 from 0.00 to 24.00 ZTL B active in August every day from 21.00 to 24.00. Access is controlled by a license plate recognition system. The vehicles of people with disabilities can circulate freely in the ZTL B even at prohibited times while it is not possible to access the ZTL A. For access methods, it is advisable to contact the police command: MUNICIPAL POLICE VIA ROMA 203 - PONTE A POPPI TEL +39 0575 507777 EMAIL: corpounicopm@casentinotoscana.it

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Figure 1 Via Bianchi parking lot



Figure 2 Castle parking lot



Figure 3 Piazza Folli parking lot



Figure 4 San Lorenzo hotel parking

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Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	The San Lorenzo hotel in Piazza Bordonì remains in a very practical position for those who intend to stay in the Borgo, as it is close to all the points of interest described.
Distance from parking to entrance	Nearby
Type of trail surface	Asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	No

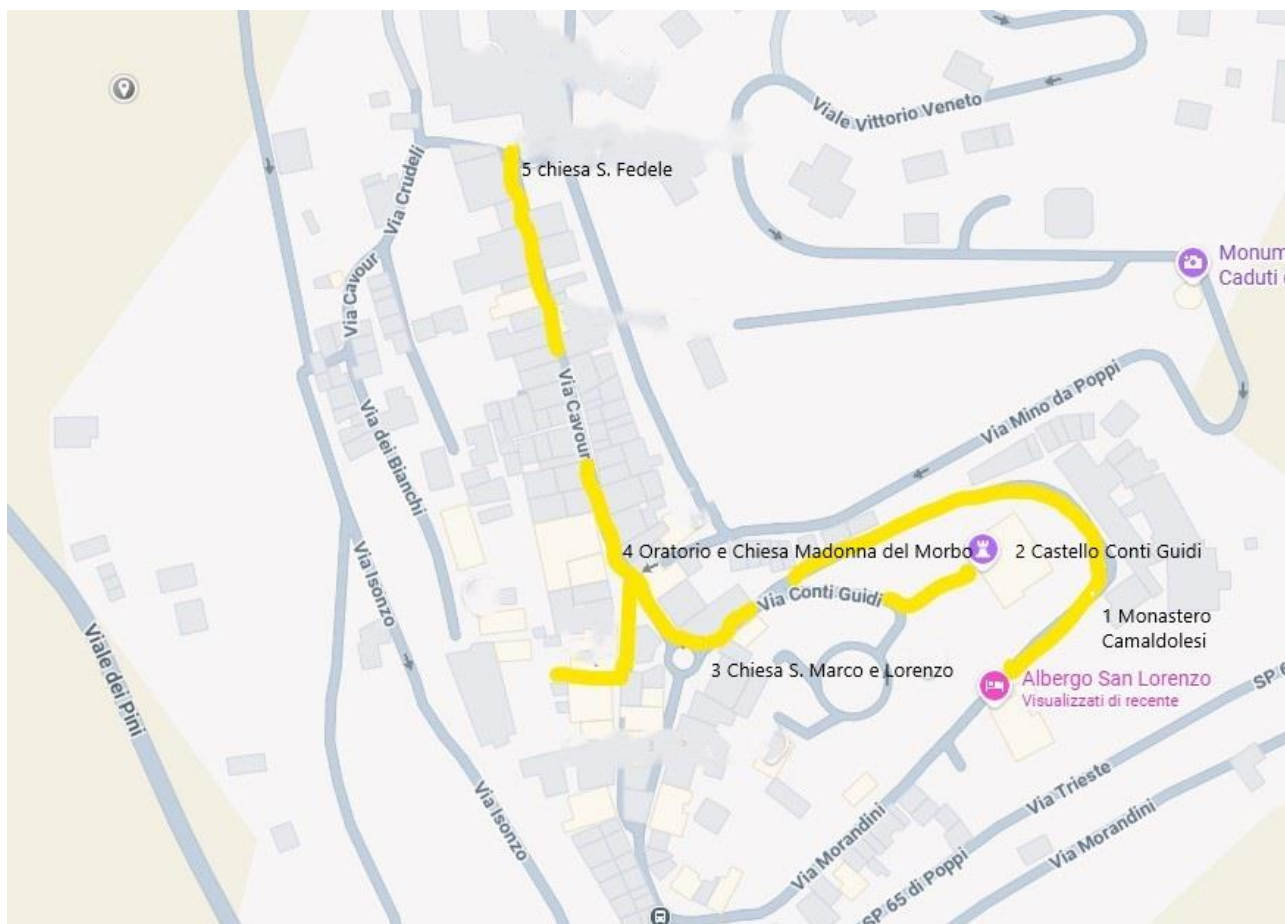
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Description of the itinerary



Length	1100 meters approx.
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No

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Accessibility of the village

Poppi presents a picture of accessibility closely linked to its historical conformation, however, mobility within the historic center can be difficult for people with motor disabilities, the elderly and families with strollers. The cobblestone pavements, sometimes accentuated slopes can in fact limit the autonomy of movement.

To tackle the most challenging sections more safely, people with reduced mobility are advised to use an **electric wheelchair engine**, such as a motorised wheel or an assisted traction system, which is particularly useful on slopes and uneven surfaces. It is also recommended, where necessary, to have a **companion**, who can offer support.

Pathway from Camaldolese Monastery to Castello Conti Guidi

From the hotel, walk along Via Morandini for about 84 meters until you find the **Camaldolese Monastery** (SS Trinità Monastery) with flat access through a large entrance portal. Inside the small courtyard of the monastery, built between 1563 and 1565 for the Augustinian nuns, but now inhabited by the Camaldolese nuns, is the **Church of the Santissima Annunziata**, whose portal has an external and internal step. The interior, with a single nave with a Latin cross plan and lantern, has a roof with cross vaults and round arches.

We continue ahead towards Via Mino da Poppi until we find on our left a public toilet and a significant ramp that leads us directly to the Castle. We continue ahead towards the alternative route until we find the detour of Via Conti Guidi on the left. From here we take a ramp that allows us to reach the Castle.

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The **Castle of the Guidi Counts** of Poppi is a significant example of medieval architecture, built in the twelfth century by the Guidi Counts family. Over the centuries, the castle has undergone several changes and expansions, becoming a symbol of the power and culture of the Casentino. Inside is the Rilliana Library, founded in the nineteenth century and containing over 25,000 volumes, including medieval manuscripts and incunabula. Today, the castle also hosts temporary exhibitions and cultural activities, and is an ideal destination for history and art enthusiasts.

At the time of the visit to the castle, a private event (rotary club) was underway, so it was not possible to visit it internally.

Accessibility

Monastery entrance: two-leaf door, internal and external threshold of about 5 cm.

Church of Santa Annunziata. External step with compensatory slope on an inclined plane

Via Conti Guidi: stone-paved ramp with an average slope of 12%.

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Figure 5 entrance to the Camaldolese Monastery



Figure 6 entrance to the Church of S. Annunziata



Figure 7 church interior

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Figure 8 path from monastery to castle, first section



Figure 9 path from monastery to castle, central section



Figure 10 path from monastery to castle, final stretch



Figure 11 ramp towards castle

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Figure 12 Castle



Figure 13 castle entrance

Pathway from Castello Conti Guidi to the church of Saints Marco and Lorenzo and Church and Oratory of the Madonna del Morbo

From the castle we descend towards Via Conti Guidi until we find on our right the **Church of Saints Marco and Lorenzo** not accessible due to the presence of steps. On the right side of the church a secondary door has been identified with a threshold offset from the street level, apparently closed as if it were little used. Erected in 1284, it was rebuilt in the eighteenth century. The simple façade is introduced by a symmetrical eighteenth-century staircase that follows the slope of the land. The interior of the building is characterized by a single nave, marked by pilasters of composite order and covered with a barrel vault, interrupted by the presence of six bands. The four side chapels show altars of late Baroque taste and house important paintings by Francesco Morandini known as Poppi and Jacopo Ligozzi. From here you can reach the nearby **Oratory Church of the Madonna del Morbo** built between 1651 and 1659 in honor of the Madonna who had protected the

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people of Poppi from the plague. The Oratory has a hexagonal plan, surmounted by an external dome decorated, internally, with a starry sky motif. Externally, the Church is closed on three sides by the presence of a loggia, with arched columns. Among the noteworthy works inside the building we point out, in the high altar, the image of the Virgin and Child with St. John the Baptist.

Accessibility:

Church of Saints Marco and Lorenzo: access to the main door n. 2 steps h. 18 cm, landing and on the threshold 2 steps h. 20 and 22 cm.

Access door with two leaves 64 x 2 cm

Church and Oratory of Our Lady of the Disease: main entrance: 4 steps; side access with a small ramp 90 cm wide, final step h. 6 cm on the church side and 4 cm on the street side.

Access to the church with double leaf door 65 x 2 cm with moderate return spring, inside the church threshold 10 cm.

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Figure 14 cinnamon water at the beginning of Via Conti Guidi



Figure 15 entrance to the church of S. Marco e Lorenzo

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Figure 16 church interior



Figure 17 altar



Figure 18 Side access with ramp



Figure 19 Oratory and Church of Our Lady of the Disease, entrance with steps

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Pathway from Church and Oratory Madonna del Morbo to Church of San Fedele

Leaving the **Church of the Madonna del Morbo** we head towards Via Cavour for about 210 meters and follow it to the end finding ourselves in front of the **Church of San Fedele**, the largest Romanesque church in Casentino, built in 1195 at the behest of the Guidi Counts together with the monastery. The interior is in the shape of a Latin cross with a single nave where valuable works of art are preserved, including the Madonna and Child Enthroned, a Crucifix of the Giotto school. Above the main portal there is an oculus with polychrome glass depicting the stories of Blessed Torello. In the cloister of the Abbey there is the tomb of the Guidi Counts as evidenced by a plaque written in Latin from 1568 placed on the wall.

Accessibility:

Church of San Fedele: access to the church on a flat level with rounded threshold h. 5 cm, access door 97 cm opening. The church is accessible.

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Figure 20 towards Via Cavour



Figure 21 Via Cavour



Figure 22 Church of S. Fedele



Figure 23 church entrance portal

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Figure 24 church interior



Figure 25 church interior

Accessible public places

In Poppi, the following accessible premises have been taken over:

"Bistrot Lquolina", accessible place with accessible toilets and nearby (about 20 meters) a CUDE stall in Piazza Antonio Gramsci.

Local name	Laquolina Bistrot
Location	Piazza Santi di Cascese 2 52014 Poppi (AR) www.laquolinabistrot.com
How to access	first ramp 440 cm long with a slope of 12.50%, continuing a second ramp 260 cm long with a slope of 15%;
Entrance door width	80 cm
There is an outdoor area	YES
External outdoor door width	86 cm
Types of tables	Center support
There is an accessible toilet	YES

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Figure 26 entrance with ramp



Figure 27 Double local entrance ramp



Figure 28 outdoor area

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External door width	78 cm
Type of external door toilet	casket
Interior door width	77 cm
Type of internal toilet door	bellows
Toilet height	50
Toilet type	Open-tooth
Free space on the sides of the toilet	Left 20 cm, right 80 cm
Flexible shower next to toilet	YES
Alarm bell	YES
Grab bars	Absent
Sink height	64 cm
Mirror height	110 cm



Figure 29 washbasin and mirror



Figure 30 Toilet with hand shower

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Communal toilets

There is an accessible toilet	Yes
Location of the toilet room	in the Museum of Sacred Art
How to access the premises	Small step of 2 cm
Usable width of the entrance door	of the anteroom 90 cm and of the bathroom cm
Type of door	sliding
Type of handle	Automatic/Sliding
Toilet height	53 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	Reclining grab bar on the right and fixed wall grab bar on the left
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the sides of the toilet	on the left Above 25 cm right 90 cm Front Above 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	72 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	Missing mirror
Baby changing table	NO
There is a shower	YES
The shower is flush with the floor	SI open type with ups and downs

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There is an accessible toilet	YES
Location of the toilet room	Toilets at the castle
How to access the premises	Ramp length 120 cm slope 8% uneven stone pavement
Usable width of the entrance door	80 cm
Type of door	1 door external opening
Toilet height	50
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	YES on the left
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	No
Free space on the sides of the toilet	Left 90 cm, right 25 cm, front sup at 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	70 CM
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	125 cm adjustable
Baby changing table	NO
There is a shower	NO
The shower is flush with the floor	
Eventual notes	There are other public toilets that remain in via Mino da Poppi, under the castle of the Guidi Counts. During our check, however, we found that it was absolutely impossible to use them as they were vandalized.

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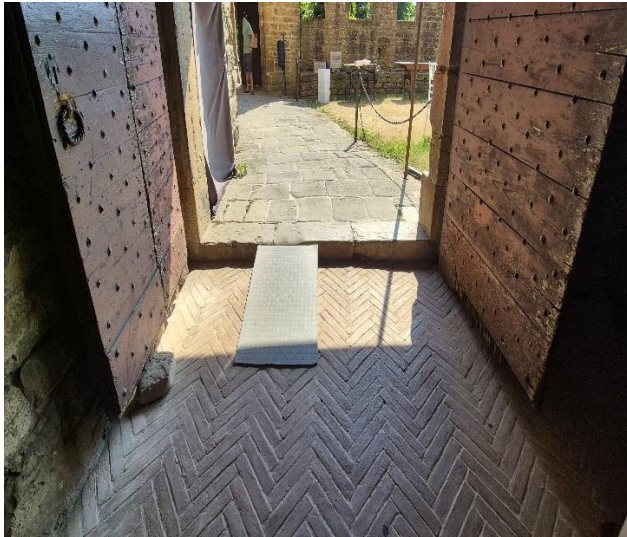


Figure 31 Toilet access ramp



Figure 32 Toilet access ramp



Figure 33 washbasin and door

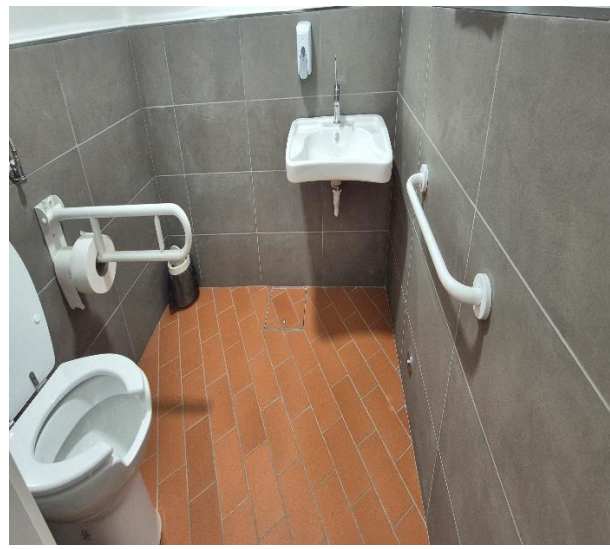


Figure 34 Toilet and washbasin

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Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the village	Bibbiena Hospital and Casentino Emergency Room, Viale Filippo Turati 55, Tel +39 0575 5681, www.uslsudest.toscana.it Sienese Hospital, V.le Mario Bracci, 11, Siena Tel +39 0577 585111
Dialysis facilities	Bibbiena Hospital and Casentino Emergency Room, Viale Filippo Turati 55, Tel +39 0575 5681, www.uslsudest.toscana.it Tel Hemodialysis Unit +39 0575 568512

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