



Villages Sheet

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Province	LIVORNO
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Description

Capital of the municipality of the same name, it is a small village lying on the top of the hill, dominated by the Castle of the Counts of Gherardesca, once surrounded by walls of which you can still admire the part facing the sea and which together with the church of San Lorenzo, constitutes the original nucleus of the town. Around the Castle, whose construction probably dates back to the year 1000, the urban center developed according to a scheme of concentric rings that give life to a system of streets, alleys and squares. The castle has undergone several restorations in its long history, together with the parish church, which was long used as the castle church.

In 1907 the Municipality decided to rename itself with the name of Castagneto Carducci, to remember and pay homage to a great poet who stayed in this town for many years, then returned as a guest during her high school.





How to reach Castagneto Carducci

By car	<p>From the north, take the Genova-Livorno motorway, exit at Rosignano Marittimo, continue on the Livorno-Grosseto highway towards Grosseto and exit at Donoratico; from here follow the signs for Castagneto Carducci.</p> <p>From the south, take the Rome-Civitavecchia motorway, continue towards Livorno on the Grosseto - Livorno highway and exit at Donoratico. From here, follow the signs for Castagneto Carducci.</p>
By plane	Pisa Airport
Assistance service for people with disabilities	YES
Embarkation/disembarkation of passengers with reduced mobility	with courtesy chair and ambulift/finger
Tactile paths for the blind and visually impaired	YES
Present a local Accessible toilet with grab handles	YES
By train	<p>From the north, take a train to Livorno and from there a local train heading south that stops at the Donoratico/Castagneto Carducci railway station</p> <p>From the south, take a train to Grosseto or Campiglia Marittima and from there a local train heading north that stops at Donoratico/Castagneto Carducci station</p>
Eventual notes	<p>The Donoratico/Castagneto Carducci station is located on the Genoa-Rome line, and is connected to Castagneto Carducci by bus service (distance 6 km).</p> <p>The Donoratico/Castagneto Carducci station is not equipped with a forklift and dedicated assistance service for disabled guests.</p>






	The nearest railway stations with assistance for the disabled are: Livorno (67 km) and Follonica (48 km).
By bus	In front of the Donoratico/Castagneto Carducci railway station there is the bus station managed by autolinee toscane www.at-bus.it , where you can take a bus. It is recommended to consult the website for timetables and ask the company if the bus is equipped with a platform for transporting people in wheelchairs.

Arrival at the village

Private/public parking

Public parking nearby	YES
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES 2 stalls in Via Marconi
	
Eventual notes	Those in possession of the special permit can continue with their own car, through via G. Marconi (ZTL)





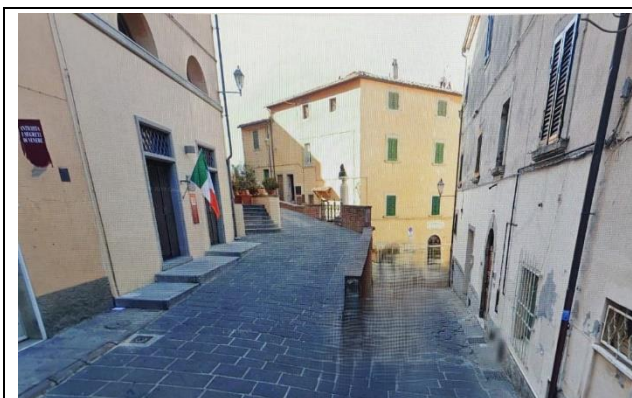
Pathway from the car park to the entrance of the route

Route from the car park to the starting point	The car park is located at the starting point
Type of trail surface	asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO

Itinerary description

Length	About 500 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	NO
Along the route there are information panels with QR CODE	NO but there are signs to reach the museums
Description of the itinerary indicating if there are sections with a significant slope or the presence of steps	The itinerary starts from the parking lot. The path is free of obstacles and has a regular pavement in smooth stones sliding for a wheelchair





The museum is located in Via Marconi 8. At the fork, continue left to the entrance to the Carducci Archive Museum.

The museum reserves the right to change the opening hours according to internal needs. It is advisable to consult the website to check the timetables or write to www.museocarducci.it



The entrance to the museum can be reached via a ramp about 10 meters long and a flat entrance with a useful door width of more than 80 cm. In memory of the poet Giosuè Carducci, in front of the Town Hall, once Palazzo Pretorio, there is a sculpted bust depicting the poet.





The museum offers an educational itinerary that highlights the moments of his life and literary activity. The panels exhibited in the Carducciano Museum retrace the main moments of the Poet's literary activity, closely linked to the scents, sounds and atmospheres of the *Pisan Maremma*, the scene of his youthful experiences.

A short distance from the museum, in via Carducci n. 59 is the poet's house. After a few years of childhood living in Bolgheri, the poet lived in Castagneto Carducci from 1848 to 1849 after having to move away to Florence, due to clashes with the Della Gherardesca family. He then returned there as a guest from 1879 to 1894, in the house of the Espinassi Moratti family, which has now become the Carducci House Center.





The Gherardesca Castle can be reached from the reserved parking lot located in Via Pascoli, along Via G. Garibaldi and then Via Indipendenza, for about 200 meters even if another parking space reserved for the disabled (see photo on the side) is located next to the ramp that leads to the Church of San Lorenzo, annexed to the Castle.



The ramp is in steps and to access the church you have to overcome other steps.



The castle, now privately owned, has undergone several restorations. The progenitor of the Della Gherardesca family was the Lombard Wilfrid di Ratcauso (who later became San Walfredo), who when he decided to become a monk donated his possessions, including Castagneto, to the Benedictine monastery of S. Pietro in Palazzuolo (754).





In the twelfth century Henry VI of Swabia donated the castle of Castagneto to Pisa in recognition of helping him conquer the territories of southern Italy. The Della Gherardesca became captains of justice on this occasion. The castle is flanked by a bell tower built in 1929/1931 with stones from the ruins of the castle of Donoratico. Once the Castle was surrounded by walls of which only those facing the sea survive.

Along the walls of the castle is the church of S. Lorenzo, parish church in 1212 and used for a long time as the castle chapel. The Propositura di San Lorenzo of the eleventh century was part of the Castle and even today its façade is preceded by an arch carved into the walls, which bears the coat of arms of the Della Gherardesca family on the keystone.





Almost in front of the church of S. Lorenzo and the Castle, in Via Indipendenza, there is the Church of the S.S. Crocifisso, built in 1587 in neo-Gothic style commissioned in 1922 by Walfredo Della Gherardesca. The portal is superimposed by a lunette with a mosaic of the dead Christ. On the right side of the church the portal bears the coat of arms of the Della Gherardesca family.





Inside is preserved in a closed case a large crucifix of the Pisan school from the monastery of S. Colombano (Donoratico).

The church is accessible via a ramp and a small step at the entrance with a double-leaf door and a net span of more than 80 cm





Any accessible bars/restaurants

Eventual notes	In Via V. Emanuele at number 17 there is the Bar Enoteca Carducci with tables and chairs also outside.
	

Toilets equipped for people with reduced mobility

Eventual notes	Not detected
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Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Cecina Hospital (LI) Via Montanara n. 52B, 57023 Cecina (LI) Tel. +39 0586-614.111
Other healthcare facilities	Emergency Medical Service Tel. +39 0586/223.456 (Monday to Friday 8pm-8am; midweek pre-holidays from 10am; Saturdays and holidays from 8am)

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