



## Coreglia Antelminelli

Coreglia Antelminelli is the next town southwards from **Barga** and like Barga is built on a ridge leading down from the Appenine mountains to the valley of the Serchio. The town has an interesting museum of emigration and of the plaster sculptures for which the residents were famous in the 19<sup>th</sup> C. for info: <http://www.lunet.it/forum/comunedicoreglia/>

From Barga there is an interesting walk via **Tiglio** following an ancient mulattiera (track built for mules) Leaving Barga by Porta Macchiaia, at the east end of the town, go straight ahead through the village of Fornacetta. In the middle of the village is the Church of Santa Maria; go to the left of the church and follow the red and white markers of the Club Alpino Italiano (CAI). The first part of the walk is along tarmac surfaced road, but with little traffic. You will pass through the agricultural areas of Serra and Giunchetto where the surfaced road ends and the mule track begins. The track winds down through chestnut forest, past a small shrine at the Salto del Diavolo (Devils Leap) and eventually up to the small village of **Tiglio Basso**, nestling in a saddle on the ridge.

When you reach Tiglio Basso there is a small piazza to your right. Don't turn into the piazza but go straight ahead where the old mule track descends between the houses. Here you will see **Coreglia Antelminelli** on the ridge across the valley. The first part of the old mule track has been crudely concreted over but is easy to follow down through vineyards and small fields to the area known as Canale. Here you must look out for a sign post indicating a narrow path to the left side of a gateway into a private house. The narrow path passes through woods and drops steadily down into the valley of the river **Ania** which it crosses on an old bridge before climbing back up through the woods to join a broad, rough forestry track. There are occasional marker posts for walkers and mountain bikers. This track leads to one of the gates through the walls of Coreglia Antelminelli, immediately below the church of San Martino. There is only one restaurant, L'Arcile and a couple of bars. The Museum of the Plaster Figurines has erratic opening times and it is best to phone ahead (0583 78419)

The total walking time is 2 hours (each way). There are two options for a return route : One is to return along the same track, but as the views are different it is still an interesting route. The alternative is to descend via **Seggio** and **Loppia** then back up to Barga. This makes for an excellent circular walk of 5-6 hours. The track is presently poorly marked and in some parts overgrown, but work is ongoing to clear the route. Details may be found here: [Coreglia to Loppia](#).