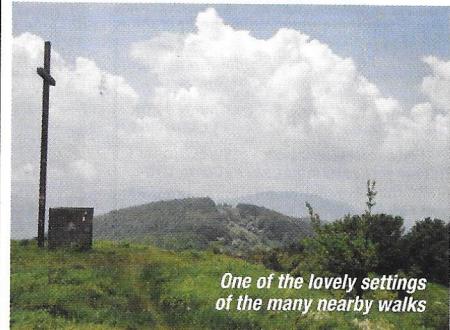


Camping La Futa

Italy



Watching the evening sun slide behind the Tuscan mountains across the valley from your pitch at Camping La Futa is hard to beat as a campsite experience.

The site is 890 metres above sea level and is terraced so that almost all the pitches can benefit from the fantastic views which are to be seen here.

Hundreds of metres below is the autostrada between Bologna and Firenze (Florence), but you would never know as none of the bustle and noise of the A1 reaches this height. Indeed, we were only disturbed by the cicadas, a cuckoo and the redstarts that considered our pitch home.

About 7km from the A1, Camping La Futa is a family-run site and we received a friendly welcome. The younger family members speak good English and those that don't make up for this by smiling and pointing.

Reception is also a bar and pizzeria, and fresh Italian bread can be ordered here for the next morning.

There is also a small stock of basic foods for sale, which is very useful as it is a long way to the shops.

The campsite also offers free internet access for guests.

The pitches are numbered, and are a mixture of grass and hardstanding. They all have a 10A hook-up. The pitches are spread around the vast site, with some permanent caravans dotted amongst the touring pitches.

Be warned though: if you choose a pitch on one of the lower terraces, your walk to the

sanitary facilities and reception will be significant, not least because it is uphill all the way there!

We were at the site in May and were able to choose our own pitch as it was still fairly quiet. This meant we could secure a perfect spot with an uninterrupted view across the mountains.

The sanitary facilities are small but very clean, and the showers are good. There is a laundry room and plenty of hot water, including for washing up. The only bizarre aspect of the toilets is the piped music – a local radio station plays constant pop music, which seems rather out of place in this very tranquil spot.

There are some leisure facilities on-site including an outdoor swimming pool, table tennis and table football, as well as a good play area for children.

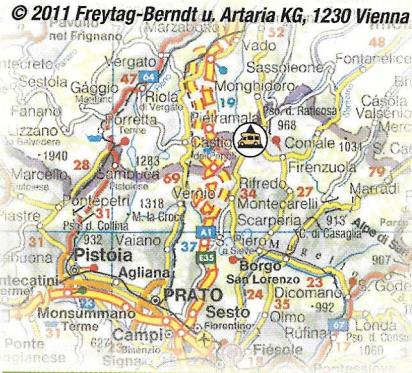
There is a handy motorhome service point provided as well.

Passo della Futa is not the Tuscany of hilltop villages and vineyards – it is a mountainous area of forests and meadows, but it is an excellent stop for a day or two of walking on your way to or from the busier Tuscan sights.

Only a short stroll uphill from the site is the monumental German war cemetery built in the 1960s and nearby there are remnants of the Roman road between Firenze and Bologna.

The campsite has details of a number of local walks and we followed one of these; after spending a sobering time looking around the impressive war cemetery we continued on to Ostaria Bruciata, a ridge walk with even more spectacular views.

Recommended by Carol Kubicki



SITE INFORMATION

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OPEN: 1 April - 30 September

Charges: Motorhome, two adults, plus 10A electricity from €24.00 (£20.97).

Nearest public transport: At the campsite gates.

Nearest pub/restaurant: The campsite bar and pizzeria.

Directions: From the A1 Bologna-Firenze, take exit Roncobilaccio (or Barberino-Mugello) and then the SS65 to Passo della Futa. The campsite is close to the war cemetery.



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