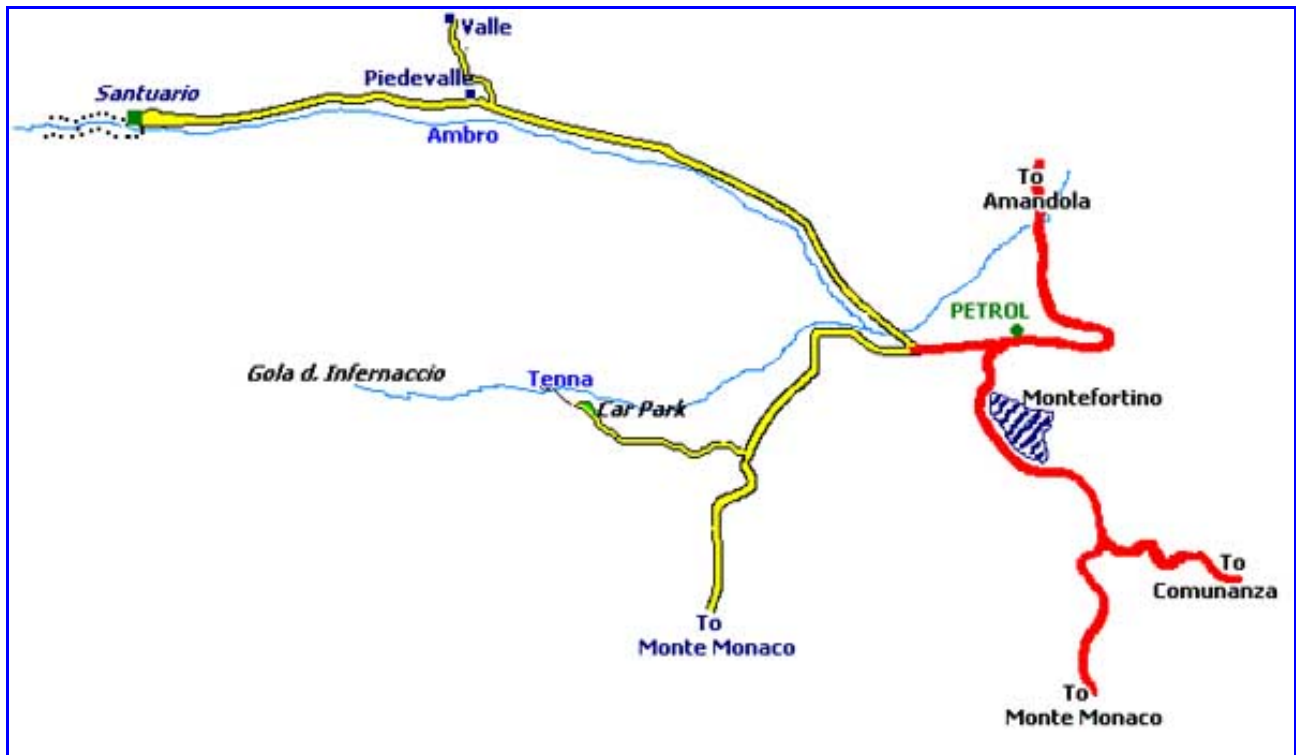


## GOLA DELL'INFERNACCIO (HELL'S GORGE)



Take the road towards Montefortino from Amandola. You will pass a petrol station on your right. A short distance ahead where the main road bends sharp to the left into Montefortino, you take the straight ahead road signposted Madonna dell'Ambro. 0.5 km down the road you will see the turn off on your left for Gola dell'Infernaccio. From this point, follow the signposts.

You will arrive at the car park. The pathway is an easy walk downhill to the bridge over the river (Tenna). Most of the walk with spectacular scenery is reasonably easy but there are one or two tricky bits. The first 50m. after the bridge is probably the most difficult. Depending on your age or the age of the children or your physical health, you will have to make a decision at this point whether to continue. The pathway mostly follows alongside the River Tenna which rushes over the rocks. The mountains rise steeply on either side of the gorge which at one point is only about 2 metres wide. Eventually the pathway rises away from the river and you come to a fork. The pathway to the right, still rising passes through some beautiful beech woods and finishes at the small church, eremo di S. Leonardo. (Eremo = hermitage). The church was built almost single handed by a monk named Padre Pietro who began the work in 1971. Except for the hardest winter months (December to February) he lived up there in total solitude. The pathway which goes almost straight ahead at the fork and descends slightly is an easy walk finishing at a waterfall almost at the source of the Tenna. You should allow about 3 hours from and to the carpark for either walk. If you are not picnicking, at least take drinks if the weather is hot. The Gola attracts a lot of visitors especially in August and at weekends. At these times it pays to arrive fairly early in the morning to find space in the car park..