

## The Everyday Life Trail

*The Museo della Gente dell'Appennino pistoiese* (folk museum of the Pistoiese mountains) at Rivoreta, transports visitors on a journey into the lives of the people of this area, from Modern times to the present day. The museum has adopted a new approach, inviting visitors first of all to enter a world where things are made by hand, which in pre-industrial society meant above all thinking with one's hands. The objects produced are then placed along a route (equipped with Walk-assistant technology for the blind) made up of impressions, recollections and sounds intended to evoke ideas and arouse emotions. However, the heart of the museum lies in its relationship with the village that created it, and which puts on an annual display of practical aspects of mountain life on the "living museum day" (last Sunday in July) and during the "fair of knowledge". Inside the museum is the 'toy workshop' where visitors are invited to put their imagination and manual skills to the test by creating simple toys with basic materials. An ancient *metato* (a stone building for the drying of chestnuts) has been set up (2006) with a museum section dedicated to the processing of wool. In the Valle dell'Orsigna the Val d'Orsigna cooperative has restored a number of buildings which are now used for the processing of wood fruits: a *metato*, for the drying of chestnuts, and a mill, the *Molino di Giamba*, with two water-driven millstones, built in 1820. Uphill from the mill, another historic building has been set up for the display and sale of typical local produce. In the nearby chestnut woods new techniques for the cultivation and processing of chestnuts are being experimented with. Also in the Valle dell'Orsigna, the old 'coal route' has been opened up for educational purposes.



### **Museo della Gente dell'Appennino pistoiese**

Via degli Scoiattoli,  
Rivoreta

*From March to July:*  
Saturdays and Sundays  
10.30 am-12.30 pm  
and 4-6 pm

*From September  
to December:*  
Saturdays and Sundays  
10.30 am-12.30 pm  
and 3-5 pm  
August, open daily  
9.30 am-12.30 pm  
and 4-6 pm

### **Molino di Giamba e Via del carbone**

Via di Paoluccio-  
Orsigna

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