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Zingaro Nature Reserve: walking towards the sea



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Zingaro combines trails, coves and rural heritage between San Vito Lo Capo and Scopello. Start planning by choosing an entrance and route, not just the beach you want to photograph.

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Links and map buttons require an internet connection. Information reflects the portal on 6 November 2026; consult the linked operators and authorities for current access and services.

North or south entrance?

From San Vito use the north entrance on the SP63; the south entrance is on the Scopello side. A coastal footpath, not an internal road, links them. A full crossing requires a return walk or transport arranged outside the reserve.

Choose the coastal or mid-level trail

The coastal trail is about 7 km between entrances; the manager gives roughly 2 hours one way without stops. The mid-level route also visits Borgo Cusenza; its description gives about 7.5 km and 3 hours. Swimming, museums and heat all extend the outing.

The coves have different names and approaches

The north side gives access to Tonnarella dell’Uzzo and the Uzzo area. Along the coast are Marinella, Berretta and Disa; Capreria is near the south entrance. Cala del Varo is reached from the sea. Use the beach guide for individual locations and access notes.

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Tickets, water and visiting rules

Follow the manager’s current ticket instructions and check closing time and daily notices. Bring water and food for the full walk rather than planning a café stop inside. Closed shoes and an offline map are more useful than flip-flops; wells and troughs are not a reliable drinking-water supply.

A worthwhile shorter visit

With half a day, use one entrance, choose an accessible cove and return the same way. For a longer hike, dedicate the day to the reserve rather than adding distant stops. The trail map and entrance staff can help you choose a realistic plan.

A day by the sea without a car: shuttles from San Vito

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Santa Margherita Bay · Macari and Castelluzzo

Plan a day on the western coast with departure from San Vito and collection at your hotel or apartment. The shuttle serves Santa Margherita Bay, between Macari and Castelluzzo; it does not serve every individual cove.

The listing offers two indicative departure/return combinations: 09:00-16:00 or 10:30-17:30, daily except Saturday. Published prices: adults €10, children aged 3-10 €7. Booking required, subject to availability and a minimum of 3 passengers.

View and request the bay shuttle

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Zingaro · north entrance

Request a transfer from San Vito to the northern side of the reserve, with collection and return at your hotel or apartment. Continue on foot after arrival and allow time to reach the agreed meeting point for the return journey.

Published indicative departure/return times are 08:30-15:30 and 10:00-17:30. Adults €15 per person return; children aged 0-2 travel free. Departures are subject to availability, advance booking and at least 4 participants. Ask separately about reserve admission charges and conditions.

View and request the Zingaro shuttle

Times and prices reflect the service listings checked on 29 October 2026: confirm seasonal operation, availability, pickup point and price before booking. For Zingaro, bring water and closed shoes and check the reserve manager’s notices. +39 0923 974429

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Useful places on the map

Riserva Zingaro ingresso nord

Riserva Zingaro ingresso sud

Find your bearings: west coast, village and Zingaro

Macari and Castelluzzo face west towards the Gulf of Monte Cofano. San Vito’s beach fronts the village; Tonnara del Secco and Zingaro lie on the other side of the peninsula.

Zingaro Open the trail map · manager’s PDF

Monte Cofano Open the trail map · manager’s PDF

Save the map before heading out. A map does not replace opening notices or signs; not every marked line represents a route currently open.

Plan your next stop

Beaches and coves: find your kind of coast

Walking, one step into the landscape

Getting here and getting around

Public Archive of the Municipality of San Vito Lo Capo · SanVitoVirtual, created by Francesco Ferla.

Sources and review

Editorial review: 29 October 2026. For current times, availability, conditions and notices, consult the linked organisations directly.

- Riserva Zingaro · avvisi e cartine
- Sentiero costiero
- Mezza costa

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