

SALINA ISLAND, MONTE FOSSA DELLE FELCI

*6 hours + transfer from/to Lipari with fast ferry/private boat and bus transfer from harbour to starting point of the walk
difficulty: high, elevation range 650 m*

Salina is the second largest island of the archipelago and was the first protected area established since 1984. The heart of this natural sanctuary is Monte Fossa delle Felci, the highest point of the Aeolian Islands (962 m a.s.l.); it represents an unexpected ecological context, where the local maquis forms a mosaic with the reforestation and hosts some interesting oro-Mediterranean plant species; also, a chestnut forest covers the top of this extinct volcano. Several endemic invertebrates are known for this site, that also hosts the most important Aeolian population of Dartford warbler *Sylvia undata* and other interesting birds.

