

Pertüs loop trail

Road access from Bergamo:

Roncola (Valle Imagna), Costa valle Imagna, Forcella Alta al Pertus, Forcella Bassa
Km. 32

Start of excursion:

Parking in Forcella Bassa, locality 'Romilda (1260 m.)

Travelling time:

1^h 50' circa (a/r)

Height difference:

90 m

Difficulties:

AEE  

Recommended period:

All year round without snow

Water on the route:

NO

Rest stop:

NO

Information:

Municipality of Costa Valle Imagna Tel: 035 865001

Municipality of Carenno Tel: 0341 610220

Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 III N.O. Palazzago

Geographical coordinates:

45,8043° N, 9,4916° E

You take the road that climbs from Almenno San Bartolomeo in the direction of Roncola, continue after the church in the direction of Costa Valle Imagna, with splendid views towards the valley. At the end of the village, at the crossroads, turn left in the direction of Valcava and enter a wood full of beech trees; at the first fork in the road you come to, proceed right in the direction of Pertus. You will then reach the locality of Forcella Alta, from where you can see some very characteristic landscapes, such as the small lake, the mountain, the meadows and the forest. There is a large parking area and we are greeted by signposts, among which is the 'Paul VI Path'.



The path basically consists of two parallel routes, the first on concrete, with a wooden fence and a double iron handrail, towards the San Martino Valley from where the municipality of Carenno is visible. The second path is an agro-sylvo-pastoral road that can be travelled by Forestry Service vehicles or by the San Martino Valley Park trail maintainers.



Along the route, there is a stretch of themed path that allows the different altitudes to be connected and also makes it accessible to wheelchairs.



The path, which starts to the south, then to the west and finally to the north of the mountain, is always illuminated by the sun and it is possible, on a clear day, to have a view of the lakes of Garlate, Annone and Pusiano. If the day is particularly clear, the view can sweep as far as Monviso and Monte Rosa.



After about fifteen minutes, you will reach the first area for a short stop.



Here is the first sign for the Pertus Educational Nature Trail.



We reach the first dwelling in the Monte Alto locality along the route.



As we continue on, we are greeted by the Albergo "Pertusino", which is not in operation, but is well maintained and cared for.



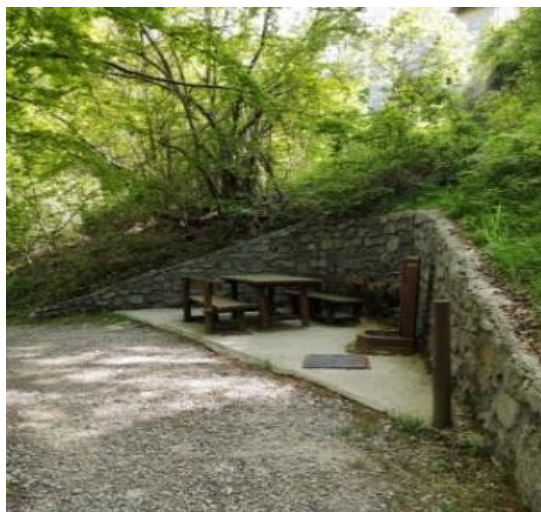
Every so often along the trail, there are changes of route and crossings between the trail itself and the agro-sylvo-pastoral road.



On reaching the locality of Prato, the path has an earth and grass surface and from here onwards it is no longer advisable to continue with wheelchairs.



Turning our gaze towards the valley, we can see the Bergamo plain and the flow of the Adda river in the distance.



We then arrive at the second picnic area.



We reach the final part on the western side of the route at the Conventino. Here Paul VI coordinated the spiritual retreats of the seminarians of the Diocese of Milan.



Turning right into the woods, we climb up path no. 571, which takes us to the slopes of Monte Picchetto, in the direction of the Forcella Alta.



The bottom of the path is now passable on foot or with the aid of a joelette, given the presence of surfacing roots and stones, which make the ground rather uneven; we now come across a masonry rock shelter, and the air is decidedly cooler.



In the forest, we come across an abandoned house, on the edge of which, on the lower left, we can glimpse the red and white sign of path CAI 571. Once past the house, we are presented with a short but well-marked section with rocks. At the fork after the small house, we continue on the one on the left, which descends slightly, becoming narrower.



We come out of the forest into a clearing and reach a fork, here we must keep to the right, continuing along this path we will find the red and white signs again.



The route alternates between stretches in the forest and in the open, in this section we see a roccolo and at the bottom of the valley the Bergamo plain.



The climb will end when the path levels out and becomes a very wide agro-sylvo-pastoral road with wooden barriers to the right towards the valley.



When you reach a fork in the road, if you go straight on, you will reach the Pertus lake and the Forcella Alta locality, but if you turn right, you will reach the Forcella Bassa downhill, from where we started. The ground will be mainly grassy terrain with some presence of loam. If you walk along this stretch in May, the meadows to the left and right will be full of daffodils, and in autumn they will be full of drumsticks.



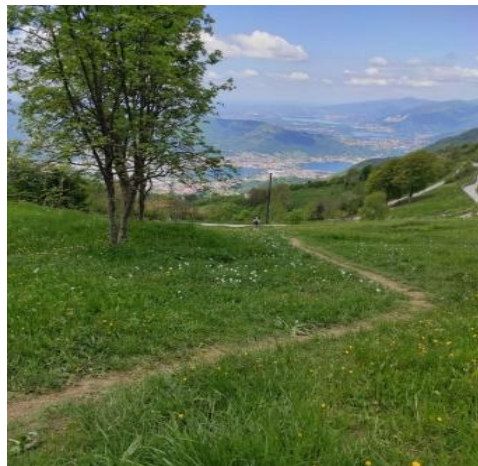
Meadows full of daffodils.



Towards the valley with daffodils in the meadows.



Before the house on the right we will come to a fork in the road; if we continue straight ahead, we will reach the dirt road that led us to Forcella Bassa.

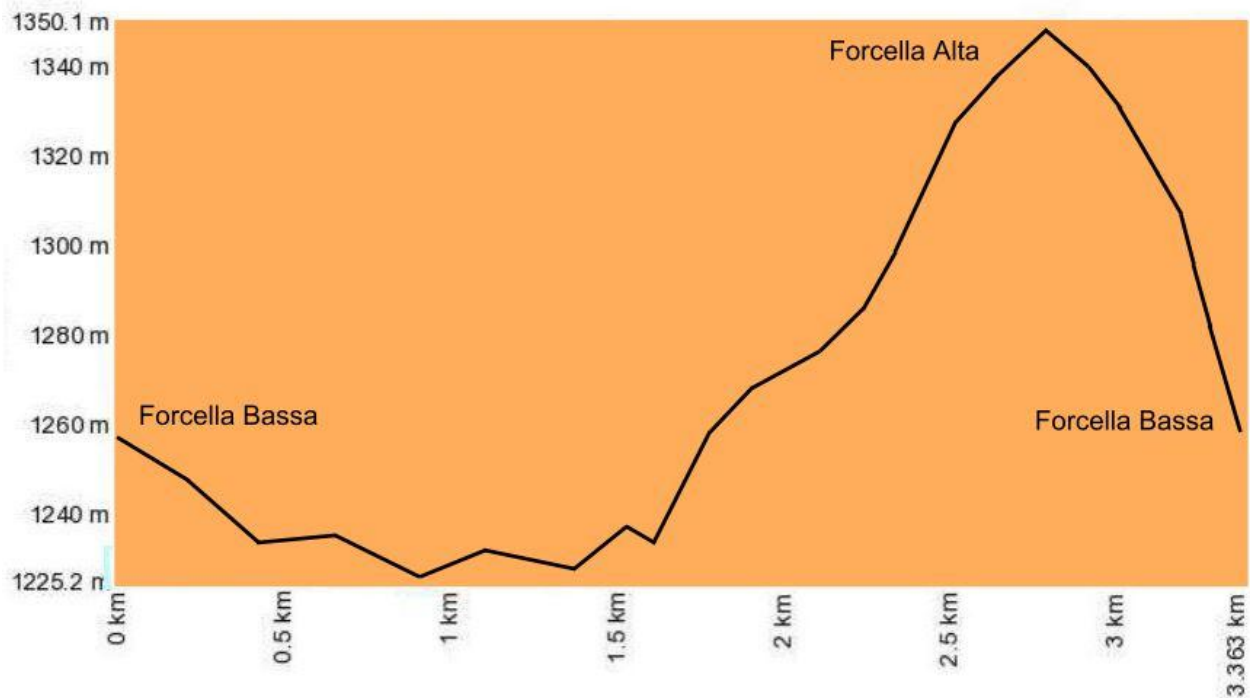


Turning right, we set off along the path in the meadow, called 'La Direttissima', which joins Forcella Alta with Forcella Bassa.



At the end of the meadow, we cross the dirt road and continue our descent towards the Forcella Bassa, locality 'Romilda'.

Altimetry



Route Map

