

From Madonna della Castagna to Colle dei Roccoli

Road access from Bergamo:

Bergamo, Longuelo, Madonna del Bosco, Madonna della Castagna.
Km 6.

Start of excursion:

Parking at the Madonna della Castagna (275 m).

Travelling time:

1^h (a/r).

Height difference:

84 m.

Difficulties:

AE

Recommended period:

All year round in dry soil.

Water on the route:

YES

Rest stop:

Kiosk – Bar alla Madonna della Castagna.

Information:

Municipality of Bergamo, Tel: 035 399111

Topographic map:

IGM F.º 33 III S.E. Bergamo

Geographical coordinates:

45,72278° N, 9,62097° E

This is one of the most beautiful corners of the Parco dei Colli di Bergamo, to which the hilly strip that stretches from the heights of San Vigilio towards the north-west, narrowing like a wedge to the last elevation on which, at 329 metres above sea level, stands the sanctuary of Sombreno, gives prominence. The route starts at the Madonna della Castagna and reaches Sombreno along the cycle path, from here it climbs to the Sanctuary, follows the ridge for a stretch and then returns down to the Madonna della Castagna. The church was erected following the apparition of the Madonna, which occurred on 28 April 1310, to a peasant who was working in the fields. According to local tradition, the name given to the church originates from the fact that, at the apparition, a chestnut tree was covered with green leaves and curls with the fruit already ripe.



The route starts at the Madonna della Castagna.



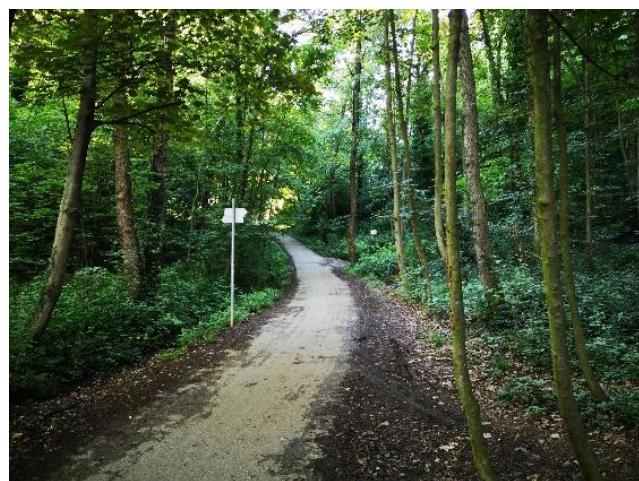
We start the route from the car park of the Madonna della Castagna church.



We walk towards Sombreno following the cycle path that starts not far from the front of the church; it is a flat road with an asphalt surface.



At a wide bend we take the road to the right into the woods.



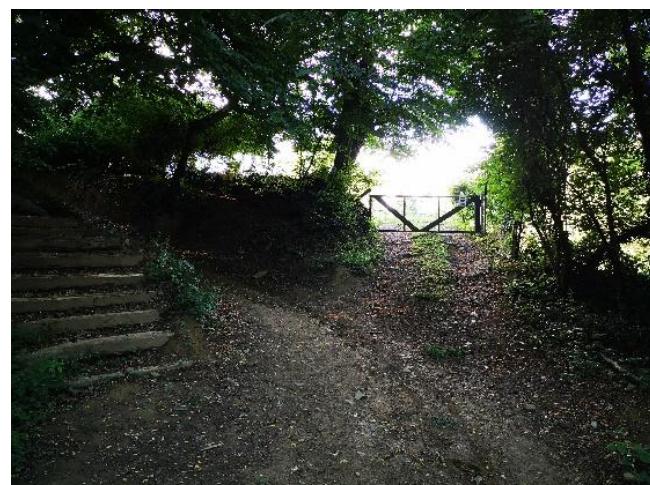
We continue slightly uphill on the asphalt road.



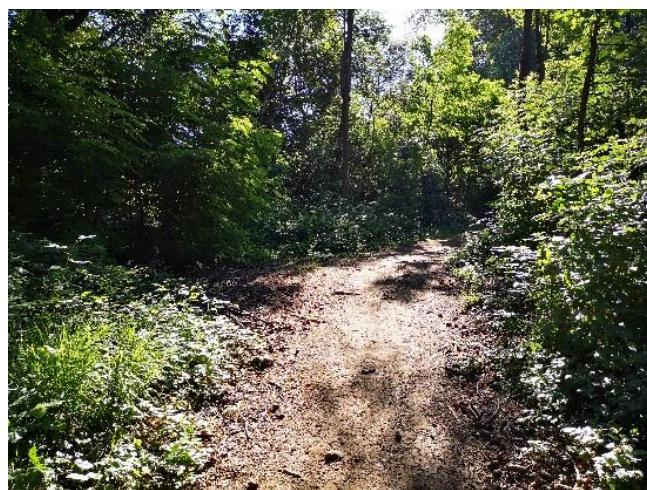
At the fork, we turn right and embark on a dirt track.



We continue uphill, following the signposts.



We pass a fenced-off section on the left.



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We pass a bend, being careful of the section with puddles of rainwater.



At the fork, we continue slightly uphill, keeping to the right.



We reach the base of a pylon and a crossroads.



The signs at the base of the pylon inform us about the various routes in the area.



We pass the pylon on the right and walk along the path that climbs to the left.



We reach 'Colle Roccolone' (359 m.) on our left.



At the top of the hill, we walk along the ridge entering the forest.



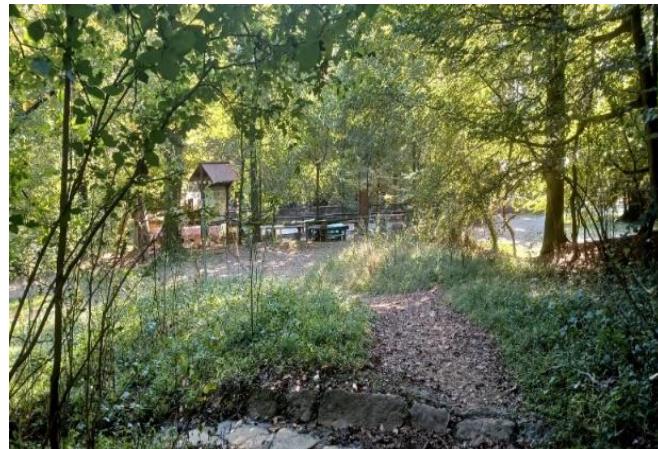
Reaching the crossroads, we turn right.



Continuing along the path, we admire an enormous "roccolo" on our left and begin our descent.



At the end of the descent, we turn right.

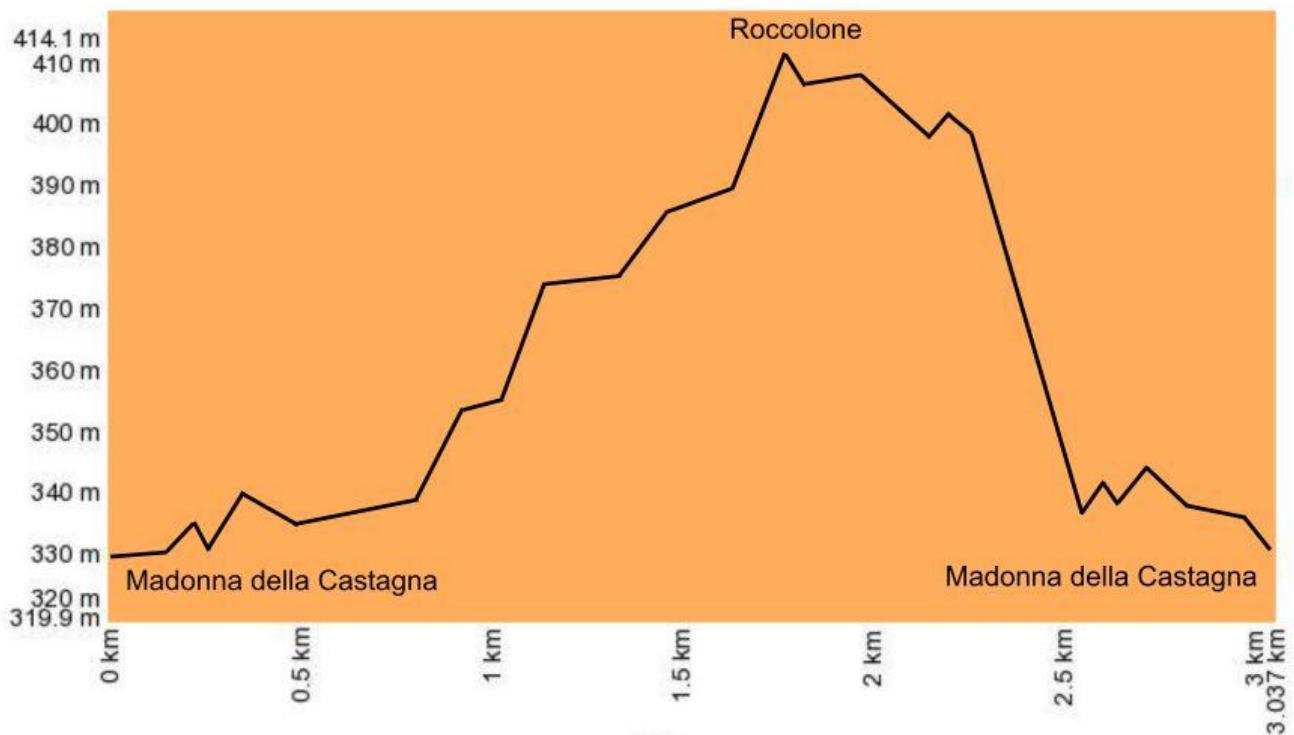


We reach an equipped area after a small ford.



We arrive at the end of our tour at the car park from which we started.

Altimetry



Route Map

