Dossena the Beak and the Mines

Road access from Bergamo:

Villa d'Almè, Zogno, San Pellegrino Terme, Dossena Km. 34

Start of excursion:

Via Risorgimento Playground Car Park, Dossena (1028 m.)

Travelling time:

2^h 20' (a/r)

Height difference:

144 m.

Difficulties:



Mountain road and trail

Recommended period:

All year round in the absence of snow

Water on route:

NO

Rest stop:

NO

Information:

Municipality of Dossena Tel: 0345 66213

Topographic map:

IGM F. º 33 IV S.E. San Pellegrino Terme e IGM F. º 33 I S.O. Serina

Geographical coordinates:

45,8801° N, 9,6983°E



After parking the car at the playground car park in Via Risorgimento in Dossena, we start our walk to the mines.



From the car park to the mines, the route is almost 3 km long, but asphalted and flat, it can also be covered with wheelchairs.



The road is quite wide and the vehicular traffic is not excessive.



We reach a signpost and turn left to reach the locality of 'Paglio'.



We admire the panorama towards the Valle Brembana, the Cancervo and the hamlets of San Giovanni Bianco.



Now the bottom of the path is cemented, with grooves for rainwater runoff.



We reach an open space with tables and benches for a brief rest.



The route resumes with a cemented bottom, with a turn to the right to reach a rest area.



Now the bottom is filled with stones and the route with wheelchairs is not recommended.



We reach a signpost that points us in the direction of 'Il Becco'.



Our gaze now sweeps over the Val Parina, with breathtaking views.



Turning our gaze to the left, we admire a splendid panorama.



One last effort, including a staircase made of wooden beams, and you reach this rather controversial but definitely impressive work, 'The Beak'.



We follow the path back to the cemented road and continue downhill, turning left near an artefact that served as a station for transporting extracted material downstream. Following the flat road, we reach the mine.



We recognise an engine and wagons used to access the mines.



Continuing on our way, we approach the entrance to a mine, barred by a gate.



We walk along a cobbled section with a fence on the right.



We reach an information board indicating the start of an Accessible Nature Trail.



We ascend towards the "Sensory Garden", which is also inclusive for the blind and visually impaired.

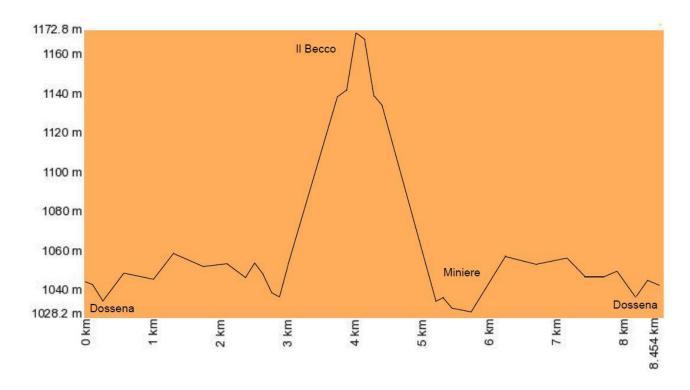


We reach the end of the hike and begin our return to the starting point of the hike.

The mines have recently been upgraded by the municipality of Dossena and can be visited during opening hours. A maturing area for a local cheese has also been created inside them, 'Ol Minadùr'.

Ol Minadùr, il formaggio stagionato in miniera a Dossena - Valle Brembana (iraisdossena.it)

Altimetria



Mappa del percorso