

From Forcella Alta to the Pertüs pass

Road access from Bergamo:

Roncola S. Bernardo (Valle Imagna), Costa valle Imagna, Forcella Alta
Km. 32

Start of excursion:

Forcella Alta (1331 m.)

Travelling time:

2^h 30' (a/r)

Height difference:

Circa 150 m

Difficulties:

AEE 

Recommended period:

All year round in the absence of snow

Water on the route:

NO

Rest stop:

NO

Information:

Carenno Town Hall (LC), Tel: 0341 610220
Mountain Community (Calolziocorte), Tel: 0341 621020

Topographical map:

IGM F. ° 33 III N.O. Palazzago

Geographical coordinates:

45,80467° N, 9,49314° E

The hike mainly follows the western slope of the watershed ridge dividing the S. Martino valley from the Imagna valley. The route leads to the large complex of the former convent, which has been abandoned for years, and, a few minutes from this, reaches the Pertüs pass at an altitude of 1131 metres. Pertüs is a dialect toponym that can be translated as 'pertugio', i.e. an extremely narrow, narrow place, as is the small hill on the slopes of Mount l'Ocone, where the path leading to Resegone passes.



From the Forcella Alta, we take the dirt road which, starting from the small lake, runs flat in a north-westerly direction; we continue without deviating for about 700 metres, until we reach the edge of the wood where the road ends.



We skirt a small lake on our right.



At this point some attention is required because the signposts are rather confusing.



Having ignored the track that rises to the right with DOL (Dorsale Orobica Lecchese) markings, it is necessary to follow the red marks of path 801 (Sentiero della valle), which descends with moderate gradient through the beech forest. Continuing downwards, you arrive at the edge of a meadowy valley where, at the junction of several paths, there is a marker post.



Take path CAI 801 C to the right and cross the slope in the direction of a rocky keep. A second marker is placed after the traverse, at the point where the DOL path, coming from the ridge, joins path CAI 571.



Having descended the somewhat steep slope, the path skirts the wooded slopes of the keep on the side of the Imagna valley.



This is a very scenic section of the trail, towards the bottom the view widens out over the entire valley; the perspective on the Costa del Palio is singular due to the contrast between the grassy ridge and the dark green of the forest below, separated by a perfect horizontal line. Still following trail marker CAI 571, the route passes along the wide, undulating ridge, skirting a (seemingly abandoned) house.



The route skirts, among monumental beech trees, a disused roccolo.



Shortly after, we reach the fences of the former convent (1193 m. approx. 1^h from the start).



Behind the convent is a beautiful meadow where we can stop for a break.



We get there in a few minutes by descending the short ramp and returning to the wood, where a marker post indicates the continuation of route 571, which in this section skirts the wall surrounding the building.



We have time to read an explanatory board.



Wanting to reach the Pertüs pass, we cross the meadow, climb up onto the ridge and continue on easy terrain, passing through dense beech trees until we reach two hunting lodges.



Further on, the path descends to the pass below, but this is a stretch to be avoided because it is steep and uncomfortable.



We return along the same path back to Forcella Alta, to the convent, where we either take trail CAI 571 or, on a dirt road heading south, trail CAI 811, now called Paolo VI.



After about 15', you will see, high up on the left, the locality of Monte Alto (1188 m.), which is easy to reach.



Continuing on, you reach the Pertusino hotel, now disused, with an excellent viewpoint over Carenno and the Lecco lakes and, on the horizon, the chain of the Alps.

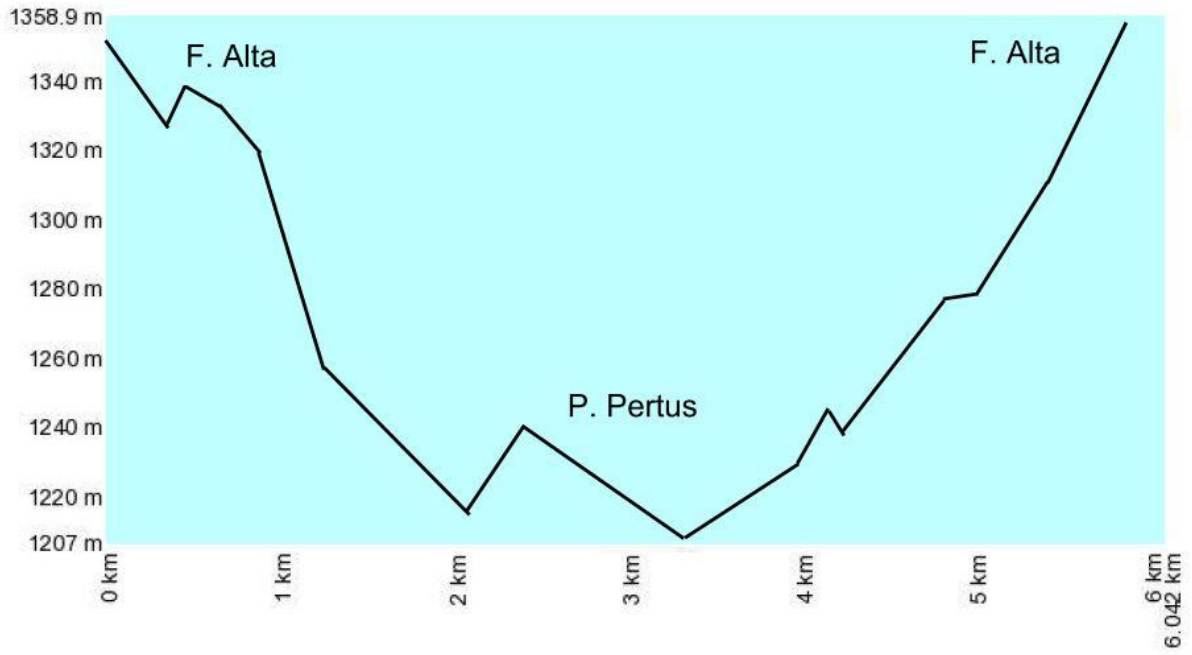


Continuing along the path, we reach the locality of Forcella Bassa "Romilda", leaving the Paolo VI path.



Deviating to the left, we set off on the dirt road, which will later become asphalted, leading us back to the locality of Forcella Alta.

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