

From the Lower Fork to the "Conventino"

Road access from Bergamo:

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

Start of excursion:

Parking at Forcella Bassa, locality "Romilda" (1260 m.)

Travelling time:

1^h 30' (a/r)

Height difference:

45 m.

Difficulties:

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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'. You can park and walk to the start of the path or continue along the asphalt road, which after a bend to the right becomes a dirt road with several channels for rainwater to run off. It is advisable to drive the vehicle with caution, paying attention to the variations along the way. The road ends at Forcella Bassa, also called 'Romilda', after the lady who lived there. This is where the Paul VI path begins.



The path basically consists of two parallel routes, the first on concrete, with a wooden fence and a double iron handrail, towards the Valle San Martino 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.



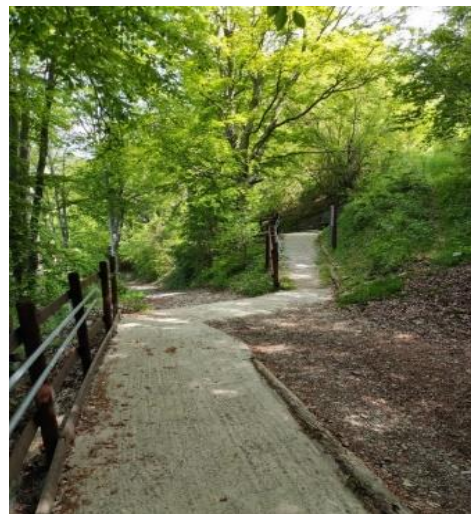
Here is the first sign for the Pertus Educational Nature Trail.



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.

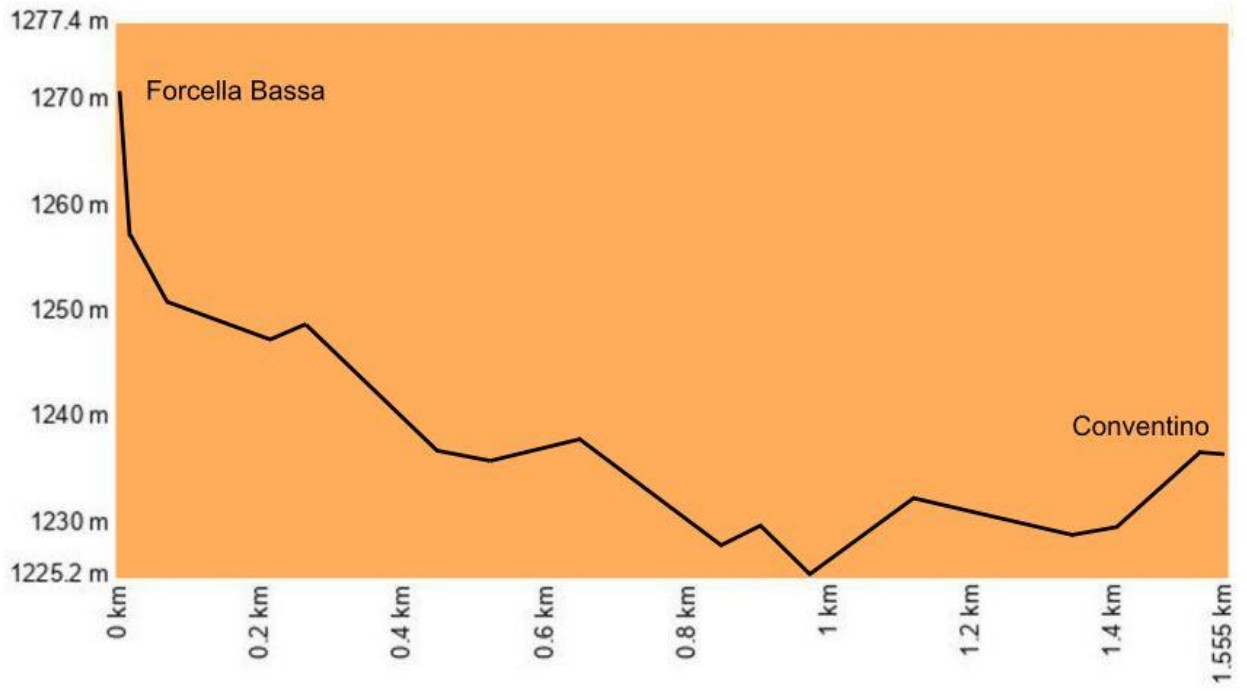


We then arrive at the second picnic area.



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. Just before the 'Conventino', the section that can be walked by the blind ends. We return to the starting point, Forcella Bassa, following the route backwards.

Altimetry



Route Map

