

Santa Maria d'Argon - Life Trail

Accesso Stradale da Bergamo:

San Paolo d'Argon (Val Cavallina), Monastery car park, via San Mauro, San Paolo d'Argon
Km. 15

Start of excursion:

Parking of Monastery, via San Mauro, San Paolo d'Argon (255 m.)

Travelling time:

1^h 50' (a/r)

Height difference:

232 m.

Difficulties:

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Recommended period:

All year round, to be avoided after recent rains.

Water on the route:

YES, near the church of Madonna d'Argon, at the highest point of the route.

Rest stop:

On the NO route, restaurants and bars in the village.

Information:

Parco delle valli d'Argon Lead partner San Paolo d'Argon
Spinning Wheel Square, 3 Email: info@plisdellevallidargon.it Tel: 035 425311

Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 II S.O. Alzano Lombardo

Geographical coordinates:

45,6864° N, 9,7996° E

A hike in the Valli d'Argon park, on dirt roads surrounded by greenery. The starting point is the monastery car park, in Via Don G. Masoni, to the east of the parish church dedicated to the conversion of St Paul the Apostle. Walk along the small road north of the car park in a westerly direction, towards the church.



One moves along the small road north of the car park in a westerly direction, towards the church.



At the end of the narrow road, turn right, uphill, onto the tarmac road, following the signs PLIS delle valli d'Argon.



Follow the two signposts.



Climb until you come to a cemented road on the right; continue to the right.



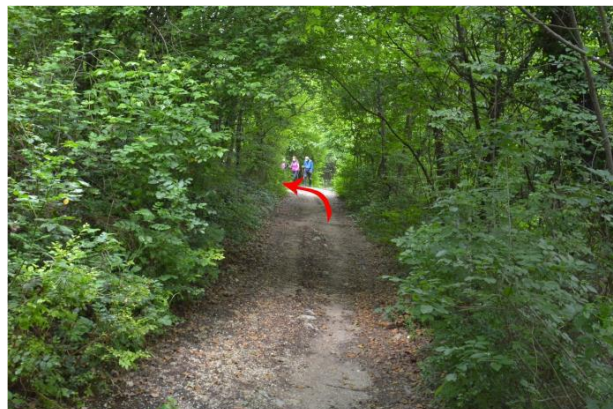
We climb until we reach a meadowy widening, equipped as a rest area, at the foot of an old abandoned farmstead; we are at the "Casocc" locality.



Looking westwards, towards the hill, we find three routes, we take the central route uphill, following the signs for Santa Maria d'Argon.



We climb along the dirt road until we reach another meadowy widening, with a hunting lodge; we continue to the right, following the dirt road.



We continue along the dirt track until we cross the road that leads to the church of Santa Maria d'Argon, we climb up the short asphalted stretch to the left and then immediately turn right, back onto the dirt track.



We immediately turn right again onto a dirt track.



We continue uphill until we reach a final flat opening, at the foot of the last uphill stretch to the left, the one that leads to the meadow of the church of Santa Maria d'Argon and the Hermitage of Argon.



We are now in sight of Santa Maria in Argon.



Here we are at the highest point of our route, the church of Santa Maria d'Argon on Mount Argon, 482 m.



Here we also find a water fountain, we only have to descend a few steps down the steps, which ascend into Argon from an alternative route.



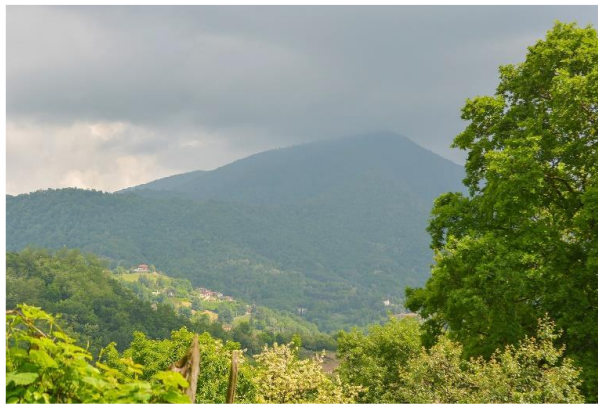
After refuelling we return to the established route.



We retrace our steps to the short stretch of asphalt, proceed past the crossroads made uphill and continue westwards, following the road that runs along the ridge.



A few glimpses through the trees open up panoramic views of the plain to the right.



On the left we admire Mount Misma.



Continuing on the dirt road, without any detours, further on we meet the small church of Santa Croce, in the territory of Torre de Roveri.



The little church is easily recognisable thanks to its colour.



Continuing past the little church, we descend on a cemented section until we come to a low asphalted road, which we take continuing to the right.



At the end of the straight stretch we turn right.



We continue with some care, staying on the left side of the road, until we reach a crossroads, called by the locals: "La Passata", a road crossing that connects the Cavallina valley with the Seriana valley; here the views range from the Moscato di Scanzo vineyards to the profile of Città Alta and the Alps.



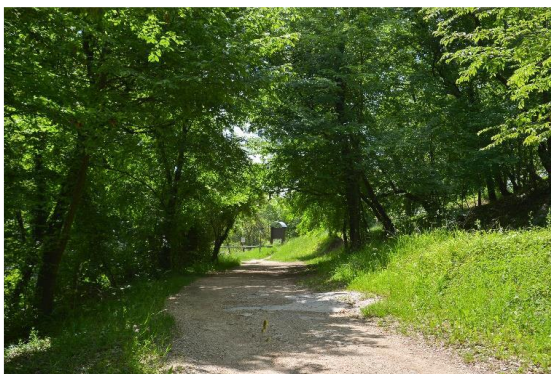
At the crossroads we keep to the right and shortly afterwards descend to the right on the dirt track, which begins with a very short steep section and then continues on the wide and pleasant dirt road of the life trail.



We cross the wooden barriers and begin our descent.



We walk along the entire life trail, staying on the main path, with the possibility of stopping at the rest area we encounter on the path.

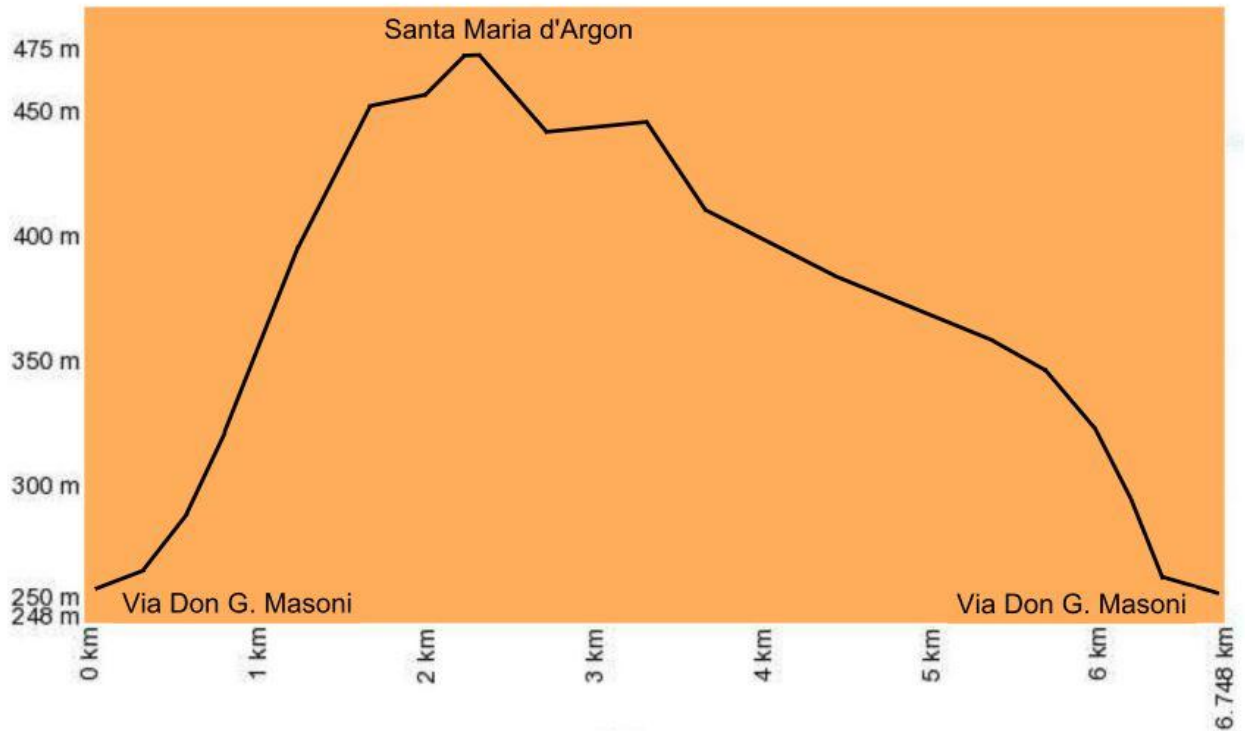


At the end of the "life trail" we find ourselves near the "Casocc" farmstead, where we take the concrete road downhill.



At the end of the straight stretch we turn right downhill.

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