

# From Pitone to St. John of the Ants

## Road access from Bergamo:

Gandosso, valle Calepio, Location "Il Pitone"  
Km. 27

## Start of excursion:

Location 'Il Pitone', path CAI 650, Car Park near or near the small church (267 m.)

## Travelling time:

2<sup>h</sup> (a/r)

## Height difference:

100 m.

## Difficulties:

AT  

## Recommended period:

From spring to autumn

## Water on the route:

NO

## Rest stop:

NO

## Information:

Municipality of Gandosso Tel. 035 834005

## Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 34 III N.O. Lovere

## Geographical coordinates:

45,668127° N, 9,884734° E

Having reached the built-up area of Gandosso we continue to the locality of "Il Pitone", here we look for a place to park, which is easy enough to find during the week, but on Saturdays and Sundays, we will have to be content to find it at the little church that we passed during the approach journey. After walking the last few metres, we reach our destination.



On the right we find the "Parco Avventura del Pitone" (Python Adventure Park), on the left the Casa degli Alpini di Gandosso (Gandosso Alpine Association).



We begin the route by passing through the picnic and games area of the Adventure Park, and then we enter a dirt track CAI 650, that is sufficiently challenging, due to the presence of boulders that make the ascent difficult.



At the end of this part of the path, we pass a rock formation on our left, which towers above us with its bulk; here the path becomes flat and easy.



When we reach the fork, we continue straight ahead and immediately enter the forest.



Continuing on the western side of the hill, we catch a glimpse of the Zandobbio plain. The section in the forest on this slope is sufficiently arranged, but we must be careful of the narrowing in some parts of the forest and the lack of protection towards the valley.



As we leave the forest, we reach a rockery.



The path becomes easy and we move onto the eastern side of the hill.



The path passes by a series of well-maintained rockeries.





The bottom of the path is now cobbled.



We pass another roccolo on the left.



One is more beautiful than the other.



In some places the path becomes demanding, with continuous ups and downs and a cobbled surface.



We reach yet another roccolo and glimpse St. John of the Ants in the distance.



Lake Iseo appears on the eastern side of the path.



The path begins to climb again and we meet the last roccolo.



Reaching the junction, we meet the first Santella of the route on the left, and we glimpse a path to the right of it that descends into the forest. We continue following the path, which has in the meantime become an agro-sylvo-pastoral track with a steep incline. Attention must be paid to the passage of cars used to reach the roccoli for their maintenance.





The stretch is now challenging due to the steep slope and the sometimes uneven road surface, for a length of about 300 metres.



At the end of the climb, we reach St. John of the Ants.



We pass the structure on the left, now converted into a restaurant.



After a brief stop, we begin to follow the tarmac road downhill, in the direction of the crossroads that would take us right to Villongo and left to Zandobbio.



A sign informs us that we have reached the end of the PLIS.



After a stretch of them, continuing downhill, we reach a Santella, where, on the left of the road, we find the beginning of the path through the woods, which will take us on the way back.



On the right side of the road, behind the Santella, we find a sign informing us of the presence of a Cascina.



We enter the forest and walk along the path, which is smooth and well maintained. As we leave the forest, we find the first Santella on our route and turn right on our way back. In the final stretch through the forest, the path is a continuous up and down, with little protection towards the valley (right-hand side of the path); we pay attention and overcome this with ease, although it is slightly challenging.



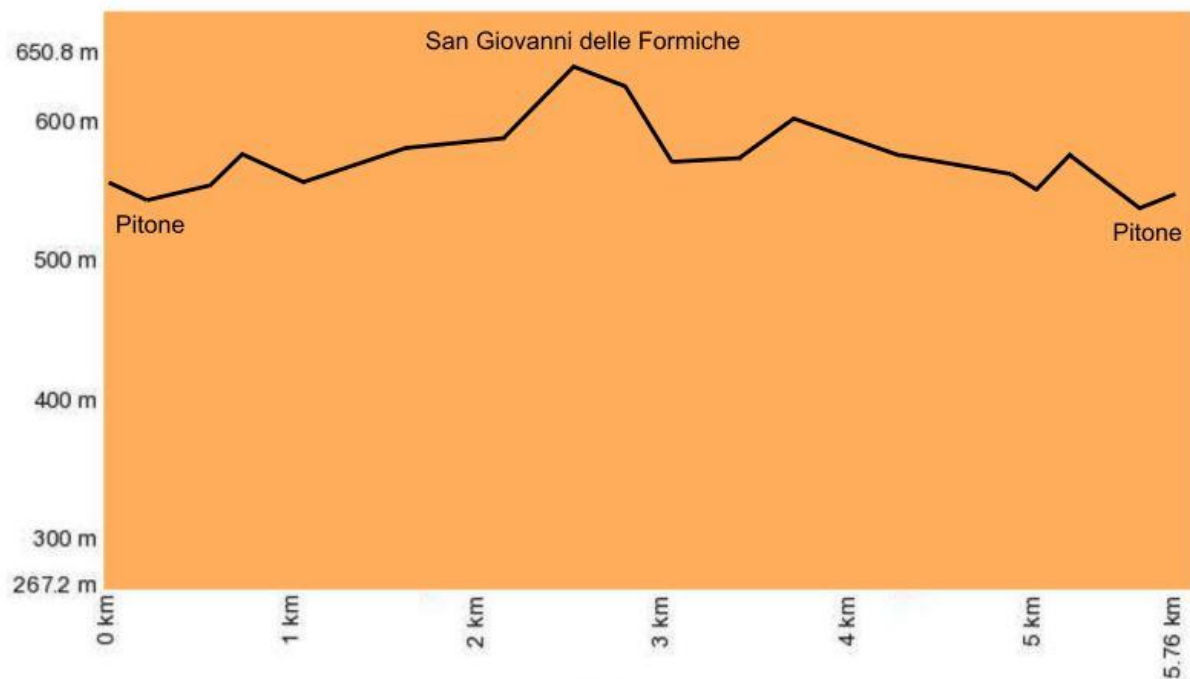
When we reach 'Il Pitone', we decide to take the path to the left.



We then reach the point from which we started the hike.



# Altimetry



## Mappa del percorso

