

From the Alpe Arera car park to the SABA mountain hut

Access by road from Bergamo:

Alzano Lombardo, Gazzaniga, Ponte Nossa, Oneta, Oltre il Colle, Parcheggio Plassa
Km. 45

Start of the hike:

Alpe Arera car park, Via Monte Arera, 24013 Plassa, BG (1182 m.)

Journey time:

2^h 25' (a/r)

Elevation gain:

470 m.

Difficulty:

AE 

Tarmac road and footpath

Recommended time of year:

Summer

Water along the route:

NOT

Rest stop:

NOT

Information:

Municipality of Oltre il Colle: Tel: 0345 95015

Topographic map:

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Geographical coordinates:

45.91036° N, 9.79544° E



Buy your parking ticket before parking and display it on the dashboard.



We park in a large, unpaved area.



As we walk towards the start of the tarmac road to Capanna 2000, we see a signpost.



We continue along a tarmac section beneath a large block of flats.



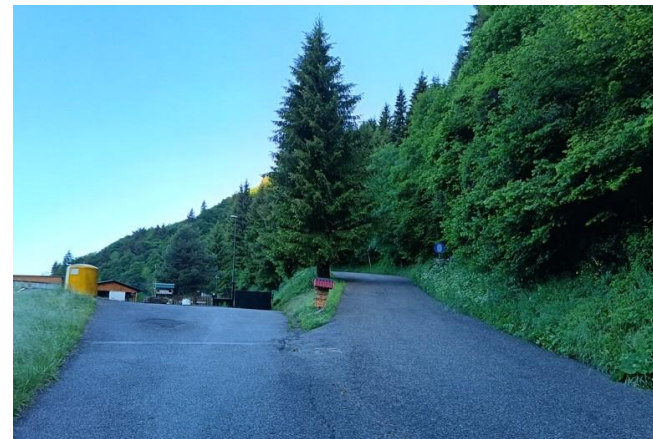
At the junction, we turn left and carry on.



A second signpost indicates the route to follow.



The well-maintained road climbs at a moderate gradient.



At the fork, we take the right-hand road.



Upon reaching the open barrier, keeping to the right, we find that the gradient is now 12%.



We come to hairpin bend no.1, which curves to the right.



We reach hairpin bend no. 2, which curves to the left.



The road levels out slightly and we pass through lush vegetation.



Along the way, we are greeted by laburnum trees.



We continue towards the third hairpin bend, which curves to the right.



At the next right-hand bend, we spot some information boards on the left.



We resolve to stop on the way back to admire the 'Vegetation Cathedral'.



Another signpost provides further information on the routes.



In the distance, we can see another hairpin bend approaching.



We turn sharply left and carry on.



The hairpin bends follow one after another, alternating between right and left.



Thanks to the bends, the climb has a fairly steady gradient, allowing us to catch our breath.



As we continue climbing, we admire the changing vegetation.



We have almost left the woods behind and the vegetation is becoming sparser.



The sun begins to warm us after the cool temperatures at the start.



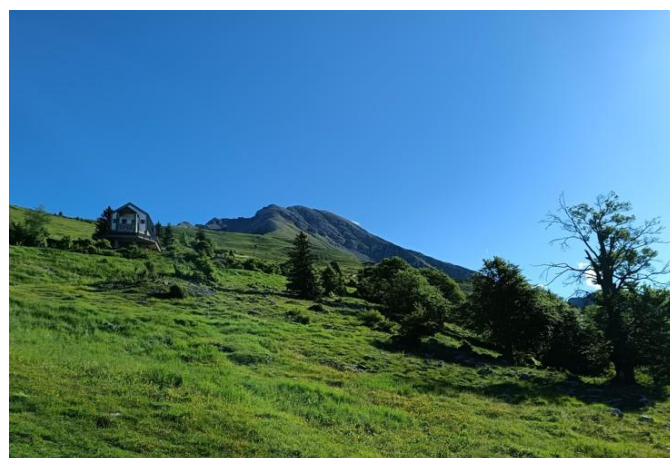
At this hairpin bend on the right, we notice a small barrier indicating that the mountain hut is closed.



We have almost reached our destination, which we will see on the right at the end of this uphill stretch.



To the left, we can see the Capanna 2000 car park.



In the distance, we can see the Arera.



After turning right, we descend along a narrow path and reach the Chapel of St Barbara.



We continue downwards, and there is the SABA Mountain Hut (Società Alpinistica Bergamo Alta).



After a short break, we set off down towards the valley across grassy ground and emerge at the bend further down.

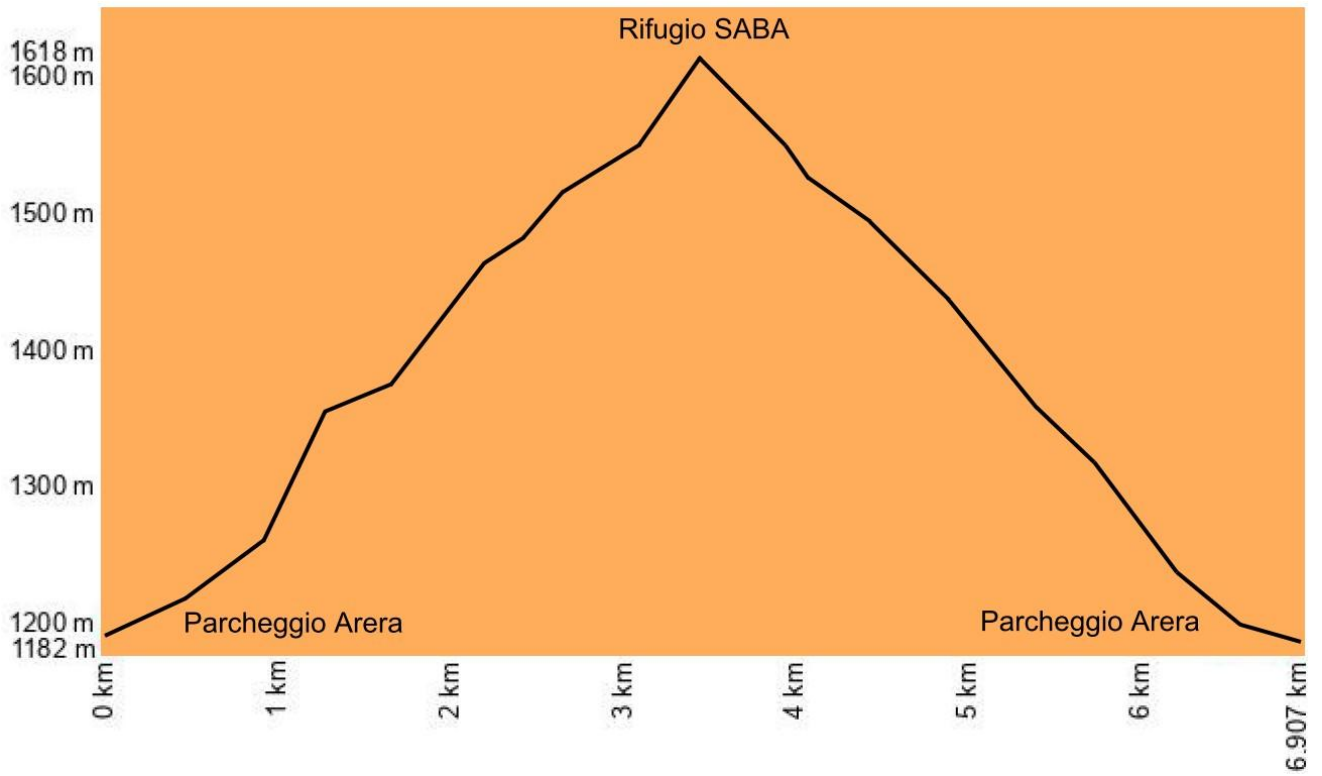


We turn back to wave a farewell to the SABA Mountain Hut.



As we descend, we turn off the road to the right to admire the 'Vegetational Cathedral', then continue towards this morning's starting point.

Elevation profile



Route map

