

Itinerary: Villadossola – “Quatar pass par Vila”

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Significant aspects of the journey

A stroll along the streets and mule tracks of Villadossola through history. Villadossola is a village crossed by the ancient "Via Francisca" and the suggestive "Strada Antronesca" which enters the Antrona Valley, climbs over the Pass of the same name and then descends into the Saas Valley. Antrona Valley which, with its iron mines, gave birth to the steel industry in the valley bottom.

Brief description of the route

The route begins in the square in front of the "Teatro La Fabbrica", named after Armando Tami, the benefactor. You then go down Corso Italia until the intersection with the road that goes up to the hamlet of Piaggio and at the chapel dedicated to San Rocco you go up towards the Church of San Maurizio and Villa Lena. With a panoramic route you continue into the heart of the upper Piaggio, go down to the Piaggio Church and then cross the Ovesca Torrent on the characteristic "walkway". We are in the Maglietto area, you go up along mule tracks to Falghera and from here with a traverse you reach the "Via Storica dell'Antronesca". At this point we leave the old route to take the "Serpagnana" which goes up to the Church of Noga. Once you reach the panoramic square of the church, you go towards the bell tower and inside the village to discover the ancient houses and the lever press.

The return to the plain is done via the ancient "Strada Antronesca" and once you reach Pioda you divert towards Crotto, Castello, Rogolo and Gaggio.

At the exit of the village of Gaggio and before taking the mule track that goes down, there is a chapel from which a flat path branches off which leads to another chapel where, just below, you go down the mule track until you meet the A00a route (Via Francisca) and through this you arrive at the Parco della Rimembranza and the church of San Bartolomeo.

You then take the beautiful route of "Lungo Ovesca", cross the "Playground" to get to Piazza IV Novembre, cross the arched bridge and then walk along the other side of the Ovesca.

Once you reach the "Museum Centre", continue towards the new Church, take the road that leads to the Municipality and join Corso Italia at the point where there is the monument to "Villa operosa", from here you go down the course to the starting point .

Useful news

Stazione ferroviaria di Domodossola (da Berna e da Milano) – Dalla stazione dei bus si prende il Bus per Villadossola.

Referente: Comune di Villadossola www.comune.villadossola.vb.it

Referente CAI: sezione di Villadossola www.estmonterosa.it

Posti di ristoro: due ristoranti di cui uno a Self Service, diverse tavole calde e bar

Difficoltà: Il percorso non presenta particolari difficoltà, è su strade e mulattiere

Dislivello in salita: 331 m

Lunghezza del percorso : 9,6 km

Tempo totale di percorrenza: 2 h 25 min

Attrezzatura consigliata: Scarponcini

Percorsi numerati: **A00a, C01,**

Periodo consigliato : Primavera o Autunno

Reference cartography

Carta n° 107 scala 1:25.000 della Geo4Map/CAI

Cartografia digitale su App : - Avenza Maps

Bibliography

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POINTS OF INTEREST

N. progr.	Toponimo	A.s.l.m.	Distanza m	Pendenza %	Andata	Ritorno	Andata	Ritorno
01	Centro culturale "La Fabbrica"	250				5		1 h 30 min
02	Cappella di San Rocco	246	190	-2	5		5 min	1 h 25 min
03	Oratorio di San Maurizio	265	150	13	5		10 min	1 h 25 min
05	Piaggio Sopra	276	150	7	5		15 min	1 h 25 min
06	Chiesa del Piaggio	256	280	-7	5		20 min	1 h 20 min
07	Maglietto	259	250	1	5		25 min	1 h 15 min
08	Falghera - Bivio "Strada Antronasca"	287	400	7	5		30 min	1 h 10 min
09	Bivio cava della Chiesa Noga	310	200	12	5		35 min	1 h 5 min
10	Chiesa della Noga	359	300	16	10		45 min	00 min
10a	Punto alto - Torchio	370	150	7	5		50 min	00 min
10b	Fontana ad geron	353	190	-9	5		55 min	55 min
10c	Cappella della Pioda	317	350	-10	5		1 h 00 min	50 min
11	Località Castello	295	250	-9	5		1 h 5 min	45 min
11a	Riale dell'inferno	289	300	-2	5		1 h 10 min	40 min
12	Località Gaggio	305	120	13	5		1 h 15 min	40 min
13	Bivio su "Strada Francisca"	272	460	-7	5		1 h 20 min	30 min
15	San Bartolomeo	263	460	-2	5		1 h 25 min	25 min
16	Piazza IV Novembre	276	500	3	10		1 h 35 min	20 min
17	Centro museale (ex cinema)	264	500	-2	5			
18	Monumento al lavoro - Chiesa	269	160	3	5		1h 40 min	10 min
19	Monumento "Villa operosa"	275	450	1	5		1h 45 min	10 min
01	Centro culturale "La Fabbrica"	250	190	-13	5		1h 50 min	5 min
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