and outdoor activities, as well as cultural sites and pilgrimage destinations.

This map of the paths of the Biellese Territory is therefore an indispensable

tool in discovering the territory on foot, allowing you to experience its

natural beauty directly and delight in not only its landscape and natural

sights, but also its artistic and cultural heritage. Nature, sport, art, culture, shopping, food and wine in the splendid mountain setting of a unique territory.

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Biella - Piazza S. Paolo

The area has various easy walking paths and

It is also noted for its vineyards that produce

prized wines such as Bramaterra D.O.C. and

production, both typical of the mountain envi-

ronment, at the pastures of Moncerchio and

Margosio. The Oasi Zegna is always open, whilst

the pastures are open from June to September.

You can book guided visits and workshops in

advance, combined with sporting activities that

can be practised within the Oasis. There are

organised annually.

that make up the system.

and hemp.

Open: 15 June to 15 September, all weekends.

Hours: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

At the Office Welcome Centre Oropa Sanctuary

Open all year from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. weekdays

and from 8.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday as

holidays. June and September from 8.00 a.m. to 8.

p.m. July and August from 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Località Bielmonte

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turismo@provincia.biella.i www.provincia.biella.it rivero - Centro Zegna Phone +39 015.756129 Open: every morning apart from Sunday oasizegna@zegna.com www.oasizegna.com

Line: Santhià-Biella-Novara Biella - Piazza S. Paolo, 8 Cossato - Via Paietta, 12 www.trenitalia.com

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Situated in the north-west of Piedmont, close

to the centres of Milan and Turin, the Biellese

Territory is bordered at the north by mountains,

and features a collection of diverse valleys

raming hills rich in woods and the plain that

t offers a variety of natural features, beautiful

many sites of interest such as religious and

cultural destinations, garden parks and nature

reserves, historical hamlets and museums, and

The Valsessera, that takes its name from the

Sessera Torrent, has an upper section characte

rised by extensive woodlands and the absence

of inhabited centres. The Upper Valsessera is

a fascinating natural and wild environment. The

_ower Valsessera is, however, characterised b

nhabited centres surrounded by gentle land-

The Valsessera offers routes immersed in un-

ontaminated nature and the chance to practice

The part of the Biellese territory near to the

municipality of Curino is known as the Rive

Rosse (Red Banks) or Terre Rosse (Red Land) The phenomenon of erosion of the porphyr

and granite create a land tinged with the warn

tones of red and ochre. A fascinating and unique

landscape that is skirted by dense woods where

The Fastern Biellese territory is hilly and cha-

racterised by woods and a spectacular variety of nature's colours: from the green of the hills

you can walk and search for mushrooms.

e Fastern Biellese territory

scapes dotted with little villages.

summer and winter sports.

sites for winter and summer outdoor activities

extends to the south

Nature and landscape

The mountains of the Biellese Territory offer e routes are many. Climbings on the plates ne winter climbs and Alpine skiing complete ne particular location of the mountains of the Biellese Territory offer views that extend from the Po Valley plains to the Western Alps. From

the Alpine peaks you can delight in spectacular We remind you that apart from standard equipment, you must also carry a helmet, harness, ropes with snap-hooks and screamer, and be nformed on the climbing techniques required on the fixed-aid paths.

the south, also suitable for snowboarding, to the more difficult run at Dosso Grande. Ther are 18 km of downhill runs with 9 ski-lift facilities and 20 km of pistes for cross-country skiind

suited to winter mountaineering for example or rgimonia there are some courses equipped for the safe practice of this activity. After heavy snowfall, the potential danger of avalanches should be carefully considered.



Refuges and camping

Alpe Isolà di Sotto

(Photo by Marcella Putignan

nd that you contact the ATL (Local Tourist efuges and the telephone numbers of the relevant managers. See box under "Useful Information" lpe Piana del Ponte Generally open from June to October and during

ne Christmas period. Sleeps: 24 Al Valsessera. Località Alpe Ponasca. rom May to September generally open only at the weekend: August open every day: from October to April generally open at the weekend, weather permitting. Sleeps: 18. Phone +39 331.3107715

Alpe Cascinetta. No accommodation.

Alpe Ranzola. No accommodation CAI Mosso, Sleeps: 12. Hygiene services. To use the bivouac you should contact the CAI Section of Mosso for the key on +39 334.7610172 Always open. Sleeps: 12

solà di Sotto Bivouac (1,531 m) eps: 8 (currently being constructed). information about opening and use of the vouac you should contact the Municipality f Valle Mosso. Phone +39 015.702652

weekend; July and August open every day.

The Biellese Territory is one in which devotion and

There are in fact many sanctuaries situated in the

heart of the mountain, connected by several routes.

The sanctuaries in the Biellese Territory are not only

places of worship and pilgrimage destinations, but

sites and the chance to visit pleasant locations

surrounded by nature, making them an ideal location

for visitors who are also lovers of natural beauty

Certain sanctuaries offer accommodation nearby to meet the visitor's various requirements.

The visitor can enjoy a relaxing break surrounded by nature, whilst learning about the artistic, devo-

tional, religious and cultural heritage of the Biellese

The complex, within the Oasi Zegna in the delightful

hamlet of Brughiera, consists of two sacred buildings

surrounded by an explosion of plants and flowers.

In the little ancient church (16th century), there are

frescoes and a wooden tablet depicting the Virgin

The second church (17th century) has an interesting interior with frescoes and baroque motifs and the

In the village of Camandona, immersed in the green

of the Mazzucco woods, is the little sanctuary dedi-

interior features interesting decorations.

cated to two Mothers, Saint Anna and the Our Lady

of Graces that dates back to the 17th century. The

Nostra Signora della Brughiera Sanctuary

monumental high altar.

www.santuariodellabrughiera.it

For information

Mazzucco Sanctuary

also offer surprising artistic, historical and cultural

Sleeps: 10. For information and key: Municipality of Postua Phone +39 015 7690006 ember, October generally open only at the

The territory of Biellese Valleys and sanctuaries. Uncontaminated nature

popular faith

religion have left many traces.

porting activities

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C/o sezione di Biella del CAI Via P. Micca 13, Biella e-mail: casb2003@teletu.it

group Biellese Alps: Carlo Gabasio. Collegio Guide Alpine Piemonte (Valli Biellesi)

Situated at a height of 1,400 metres, it dates back

ccording to tradition, it was built by the valley

dwellers to celebrate the capture of Fra' Dolcino

who had taken refuge on these peaks. The site is

cular panorama from the Po Valley to the Alps.

reached by a short path walk and offers a specta-

ituated in the village of Portula on the slopes of

ount Civetta, the Novareia Sanctuary is dedicated

Our Lady of the Graces and is famous for the

clamen Festival that is held annually in July. Apart from the church, the fountain is also of

An interesting circular building topped by a cupola

Of particular note is the syenite fountain opposite

The sanctuary constructed in the 19th century as

an extension of a small frescoed votive chapel is

According to tradition, the inhabitants of Coggiola

onnected to the legend of the apparition of the

ladonna in 1678, the sanctuary is located in the

village of Coggiola in a basin surrounded by

The Rio Cava<mark>ller</mark>o flows near the sanctuary, whose

waters are believed to have therapeutic properties.

The sanctuary is located in Crevacuore, in the

that rises over the village of Portula.

located in Moglietti, Coggiola.

the exterior of the houses.

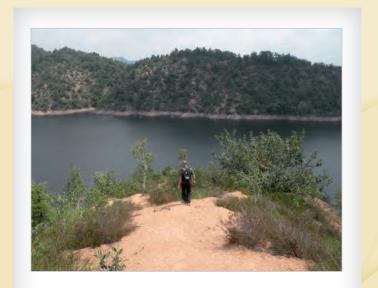
tional documents.

defeated Fra' Dolcino at this site.

depicted on a stone, then incorporated in the

The church has a portico with five arches. A stone fountain is located in the churchyard, a common feature of sanctuaries in the Biellese Built in 1722 in honour of the Madonna of Oropa, it majestically rises amongst centuries-old woods

E-mail: info@atl.biella.it - www.atl.biella.it on the road that leads to Alpe di Noveis.



The Red Banks - Dam of Ravasanella

not to be missed.

www.archivitessili.biella.

Useful information Sport and outdoor activities. Refuges and camping

Activities for lovers of winter sports include ding, hiking with snowshoes and Alpine skiing. kiing in the Biellese Territory means pure pleasure in an extremely varied landscape tha at the same time is geographically divided into medium-sized spaces. Bielmonte and Oropa (Map of the Paths of Biellese, Sheet 2) are the

Bielmonte offers a variety of pistes for all tastes on the different mountain slopes, ranging from

suitable for every type of technique departing from Bocchetto Sessera. Mention should also be made of the cross-country route that crosses connects with the Alpe di Mera resort in Valsesia. The Bielmonte ski resort also has night lighting Not to be missed the ice-skating rink where you Bielmonte has ample free parking, hotels, restaurants, bars, cafeterias, agritourisms, shops, ski schools and ski and equipment hire outlets.

Alpine skiing is very popular on the Alps of the Biellese Territory that offer ever-changing landscapes and slopes. Many routes are suitable to eginners, whilst some are on harsher slopes interspersed with rocky descents and mandatory passages and so require an expert skill leve and good knowledge of the terrain as w<mark>ell a</mark>s The practice of Alpine skiing and freeride skiing requires the use of electronic search and signal

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Municipality of Callabiana 140

and volunteers, have been updated.

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www.soccorsoalpino.biella.it

In case of accidents call 118 CENTRALE UNICA - Novara single free phone health emergency number

Advice for mountaineers and hikers Before leaving:

 Inform yourself about weather forecasts. • In winter, check on the snowfall danger level (from 1 to 5). If the level is greater than 2 it is better not to attempt the route. Research the geomorphologic situation of the area (practicability of paths and entrances), access to refuges and camping sites, cableways, etc.

Call 118 (single free phone health emergency number) and state:

 Exact location, place-name and altitude. Number and condition of injured parties. Protect the injured party from atmospheric conditions (wind, sun, rain, cold,

 Do not administer drinks and/or medicines unless authorised by a doctor. Routes Discovering the Biellese Territory. Walking routes // //

GB Grande Traversata A long ring shaped and well signposted route, mostly at moderate heights through a surprisingly rich and varied territory that reveals to thes ancient sanctuaies, natural reserves, traditional villages and beautiful anoramas. The GTB (The Great Biellese Crossing divided into 57 stages of varying levels of difficulty hat can be covered in 15 days, but are easily broken

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Cappella degli alpini

Località Sparavera

Mazzucco Sanctuary

Località Tre Pisse - Trivero

Valley of Rhododendrons - Trivero

Sella del Cucco - Sagliano Micca

Tavigliano Selle di Pratetto

Monte Localà

Frazione Trabbia

Località Crocemosso

Dam of Ravasanella

1adonna del Sabbione

Alpine Church - Trivero

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Municipality of Portul

Area pic nic of Curino

The Map of the Paths of the Biellese territory, produced by the Province of Biella in 2004, has been revised with updates and new content.

• The toponymy has been updated with specific attention to useful signage for trekkers (farmsteads, pastures, sites, water courses).

Linear, or the route course along with the identification of sections differentiated in terms of morphology, type of environment, type of terrain, etc.

• Point, to indicate interesting points along the route such as important morphological aspects, changes in terrain, crossroads with other paths or roads,

The aim is to offer potential use via GIS software or, in support of the new approach to touring and trekking, through GPS devices and satellite receivers.

Raster pictures, structured like the corresponding sections of extracts from the Regional Technical Map, in jpg, ecw and kmz georeferenced formats

The Map, produced with entirely computerised techniques and procedures, is also available in digital format (http://cartografia.provincia.biella.it)

The buildings and viability have been updated, the last in terms of layout, the type of terrain and restricted access.

The geographic data have been collected with GPS instrumentation and are of two types:

start and finish points, tourist facilities, architectural features, etc.

Vector information layers for paths in shp and gpx formats.

• The sections of paths that between 2007 and 2012 were surveyed with GPS instrumentation by A.T.L. biellese, C.A.I. Piedmont, the Province of Biella

down into daily hikes. On this map are: Route from Brusnengo to Crevacuore Departure: Brusnengo, Frazione Forte (345 m) Intermediate sites: Castelletto Villa (350 m Asei (309 m), Azoglio (370 m)

Difference in altitude: 460 m climbing, 430 m ime required: 6 h 10 Difficulty: Moderate

e through magical panoramas along one of most spectacular sections of the GtB that iches San Bernardo Sanctuary and then deends towards the valley of the Sessera Torrent the area where Bramaterra D.O.C. is produced. Stage 39: Brusnengo (Frazione Forte) - Asei tage 40: Asei - Sostegr Stage 41: Sostegno - Azoglio Route from Crevacuore to Coggiola

 Departure: Crevacuore (375 m² - Arrival: Coggiola (500 m) Intermediate sites: Ailoche (560 m), Alpe Noveis (1.114 m) Length: 14.4 km Difference in altitude: 870 m climbing, 745 m Time required: 8 h Difficulty: Moderate oute that climbs from the hills to the Alpe di oveis that offers an exceptional panorama over

e village of Coggiola. Stage 42: Crevacuore - Ailoche Stage 43: Ailoche - Sparavera Stage 44: Sparavera - Piane di Viera (Coggiola) Stage 45: Piane di Viera (Coggiola) - Coggiola ute from Coggiola to Piane di Veglio rival: Piane di Veglio (960 m)

e Alpine range and the Po Valley, to arrive at

itermediate villages: Castegnea (Trivero (50 m), Brughiera Sanctuary (810 m) Difference in altitude: 974 m climbing, 514 m Difficulty: Moderate

pramic route that from the first stage winds rallel to the scenic road Panoramica Zegna s the Brughiera Sanctuary in the heart of asi Zegna and crosses woods and gentle lls to arrive at the Piane di Veglio. Stage 46: Masseranga (Portula) - Castagnea

tage 47: Castagnea (Portula) - Brughiera Stage 48: Brughiera Sanctuary (Mosso)-

montagnocultura Mountain and Stage 49: Capomosso (Mosso) - Piane di Veglio. Culture routes Route from Piane di Veglio to Quittengo culture routes with panels that illustrate the main Departure: Piane di Veglio (960 m) aspects of life, the environment and the culture of the Biellese valleys. The network of routes is - Intermediate villages: Falletti (805 m), Tomati accessible to all who wish to learn more about the (842 m), Oriomosso (1,036 m) Culture routes represented on this map are: Difference in altitude: 793 m climbing, 953

Territory - G4 - G2 Departure: Alpe Noveis (1.114 m) Moderately demanding route with a series of - Arrival: Church of Piane di Rivò (1.000 m) amazing panoramas, extensive pastures, woods

- Intermediate site: Bocchetta di Noveis (1,114 m) Length: 6.5 km Difference in altitude: 290 m climbing and 150 m Difficulty: Easy Fime required: Alpe Noveis - Church of Piane di Alpe Noveis Route (square - mountain pass): 1 h 1

Trabbia (Callabiana) Stage 52: Trabbia (Callabiana) - Pratetto (Ta-Stage 53: Pratetto (Tavigliano) - Falletti (Sagliano Micca)

distance from the bridge over the Carnasco).

me required: 8 h 10

- Difficulty: Moderate

The Valsessera from Mount Civetta

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The OasiZegna The Mountain and Culture routes are seven Alpine <mark>Th</mark>e Oasi Zegna (Zegna Oasis) is an immense mountain area between the Mosso Valley Valsessera and Cervo Valley, crossed by the panoramic Zegna road. It was the brainchild of the entrepreneur Ermenegildo Zegna who sought to repopulate the mountain with conifers, rhododendrons and hydrangeas to create an amazing Alpine

landscape. It is the ideal location for both summer

and winter sporting activities practised in contact

with nature and in respect for the mountain

There are hundreds of kilometres of marked

paths within the Oasis, equipped with descriptive

panels, maps and panoramic drawings that allow

you to discover the Alpine environment and

delight in spectacular views of the plain.

Valsessera and Mount Rosa. The proposed routes

vary from simple walks to hikes requiring a

number of days. The Oasi Zegna is open free to

charge to the public all year round, with many

Below we describe a number of interesting routes.

To discover the complete range of routes available

X. Dulcinian route (Second stage - F6, F2)

- Arrival: Bocchetta di Stavello (1,200 m)

Difference in altitude: 650 m climbing, 800 m

Long two-day walk in the footsteps of the heretic

ra' Dolcino through Valsesia and Valsessera.

The panels positioned along the route tell the

story of Dolcino who passed through this area

The map shows part of the second stage that

starts in Rassa in Valsesia and passes chalets

and woods to arrive at the vast pastures of Alpe

Peccia. From here, the second stage starts that

after having reached the ancient stone bridge

on the Sessera, crosses natural wild landscapes

to arrive at Bocchetta di Stavello, at the end of

the route there is an epilogue of the story of

Dolcino in the places where he was defeated and

■Y. The Rubello path - L5, F3A, F3

- Arrival: Bocchetto di Luvera (1,310 m)

- Departure: Bocchetta di Stavello (1,206 m)

Difference in altitude: 130 m climbing, 40 m

Intermediate sites: Piane di Veglio, Gar-

Difference in altitude: 175 m climbing, 300

Mountain route that leads from the Mazzucco

Sanctuary, immersed in green, through the Mosso

woods, to the Brughiera Sanctuary situated in a

panoramic position within the Oasi Zegna sur

F. Brughiera Sanctuary - San Bernardo

Departure: Nostra Signora della Brughiera

Arrival: Nostra Signora della Brughiera Sanctu-

(1,402 m), Novareia Sanctuary (746 m)

on the slopes of Mount Civetta, noted for the

baccio, Marchetto

Time required: 3 h 15

rounded by plants and flowers.

3, L4, L5, F2B, L7

Oratory - Novareia Sanctuary

Length: 12.1 km

we suggest you visit the web site:

Alpe Peccia - Bocchetta di Stavello

- Departure: Alpe Peccia (1.350 m

tourist services offered.

Lenath: 14 km

Time required: 5 h

- Difficulty: Moderate

in the 14th century.

deep roots of Biellese culture. The Mountain and 1. The little Switzerland of the Biellese

and picturesque villages. A brief deviation will take you to the sanctuary of Mazzucco in the Stage 50: Piane di Veglio - Sanctuary of Maz-Stage 51: Sanctuary of Mazzucco (Camandona)

Route to rediscover the Noveis Alps, known as the 'Switzerland of the Biellese territory": an upland route against the cliffs of Mount Barone. The land. now covered by brushwood, was once a pasture scattered with farm buildings: the typical Valserra tegge with stone walls and wooden sloping roofs covered in vegetation. A pleasant walk with a panoramic connection towards the Piane di Rivò, the starting point for paths that climb to Mount Barone 2. The Gold road - G6

Departure: Castagnea (753 m) - Arrival: Masseranga (480 m) Difference in altitude: 260 m descending Time reguired: Castagnea - Masseranga: 1 h 20 Deviation for Frazione Gila: 15 minutes Route amongst beech and chestnut woods to rediscover paths that were used for almost a century, between 1850 and 1950, by thousand of textile workers to reach the woollen mills located along the watercourses. The place name "Oro indicates a lateral part of the mountain and a site in a pre-eminent position. The route is dotted with remains of the past: votive chapels, carved stones, ruins of the Bozzalla Pel woollen mill (a short

3. The Alp road - L61 The route is partially marked on this map. - Departure: Camandona Fraz. Cerale (810 m) - Arrival: Bocchetto Sessera (1,382 m) - Lenght: 4.87 Km Difference in altitude: 572 m - Difficulty: Easy Time required:

Cerale - Mazzucco: 1 h

Cerale - Bocchetto Sessera: 2 h 30 Mazzucco - Bocchetto Sessera: 1 h 30 Difficulty: Easy Easy route with panoramic points from which The Alpine road follows the trails used for animal herding in search of tranguillity. The mule track you can enjoy a spectacular view of Mount Rosa. follows the route that was once taken by animals gosio, a cell of the Ecomuseum of the Bielles herded to mountain pastures and the captioned panels describe the activities that were part of the territory dedicated to the production of milk, a life and the economy of the mountain populations. typical industry of the mountain environment.

Z. The Valley of Rhododendrons for all Also suitable for the handicapped From the Zegna Centre of Trivero, the rin road, about 1 km long, includes the beautifu path in the Valley of the Rhododendrons, a asin rich in these large and colourf<mark>ul</mark> bushes that flower spectacularly between May and June just like a garden in the mountains. A part of this route is equipped for use by physically handicapped people that can also

use the specially positioned parking and picnic area, both located in Località Caruccia (890 J. The San Bernardo Path - L5

- Arrival: San Bernardo Sanctuary (1,408 m) Difference in altitude: 600 m climbing Time required: 2 h 30 Difficulty: moderate until Caulera and easy from Caulera to the Oratory of San Bernardo. The route is part of an ancient religious path that climbs to the church of San Bernardo, situated in a particularly panoramic position from which

archeo-minerals of considerable historical importance. ■M. Archeo-mineral Park of the Alta Val Sessera - Departure and arrival: Casa del Pescatore (1,200 m - Lenght: 4.2 km Difference in altitude: 205 m climbing and descending

- Time required: 2 h

- Difficulty: Moderate

of lodestone and all processing phases were onducted at the location. The site has been <mark>ored and is now o</mark>pen to the public. Th blast furnace, almost completely rebuilt, is c particular interest. Climbing the slope again, you reach the Argentera waterfall. Leaving the main path, you descend to the archeo-minera <mark>site of Argentera</mark>. Here there is a proto-industi uilding that dates back to the beginning of the 3th century that was used to grind and was galena (an argentiferous lead mineral that wa extracted from the mine above). <mark>At the</mark> end of the visit, you rejoin the main patl until Alpe Artignaga di Sotto and then change direction to re-enter the departure point

An interesting journey discovering the origins

of mining activity in Valsessera in the Archeo

<mark>mineral Park of the Alt</mark>a Val Sessera

he route starts at the archeo-mineral site in

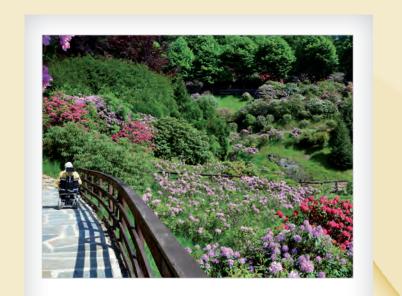
londolere that dates back to the end of the

th century. The site was used for the treatmen

Biellese Prealps Paths The Prealps area of the Biellese territory i you can enjoy a wonderful view of the valley and haracterised by an extensive array of colour from the green of the woods and hills to the blue of the streams, and to the warm red and ochr tones of the "Rive Rosse" caused by the erosion f porphyry and granite near Curino. land made up of green spaces and villages ssed by easy routes without steep climbs cents that can be used in every season. The paths lead the visitor to discover the region petween woods and small villages with panoramic

views over the valley and the chain of Mount

crossing the beautiful "Rive Rosse".



Along the rhododendron path

half of the 16th century from the Banchette



The Valleys of Faith The "Valleys of Faith" is a route that connects the sanctuaries in the foothills of Piedmont with Lake Orta. It follows the journey taken many times by Cardinal Carlo Borromeo in the second

Sanctuary in Bioglio to arrive at Madonna del and religious devotion, with panels that explain he main historical-artistic aspects of the area. he main buildings of cultural interest over the route are the Banchette Sanctuary in Bioglio. he Mazzucco Sanctuary in Camandona, the anctuary of Our Lady of Brughiera in Trivero. the Novareia Sanctuary in Portula, the Cavallero anctuary in Coggiola and the Brugarola

The San Carlo Path (not specifically marked yet) was created as part of the "Valleys of Faith" project. The cultural and religious route over stages starts from Arona on Lake Maggiore and winds over the Via Francigena to Viverone. The walker can enjoy the extraordinary beauty of the territory through the slow rhythm of a

The following stages of the "Valleys of Faith" described on this map, can be completely walked E. Mazzucco Sanctuary - Brughiera

Departure: Mazzucco Sanctuary (918 m)

- Arrival: Nostra Signora della Brughiera San-

Routes Discovering the Biellese Territory. Horse and mountain bike tracks ** ***

-62, L61, L41, L1, L1B

"Cyclamen Festival" held every year in July. G. Novareia Sanctuary - Cavallero San-Novareja Road, GTB, G13, dirt road, G3

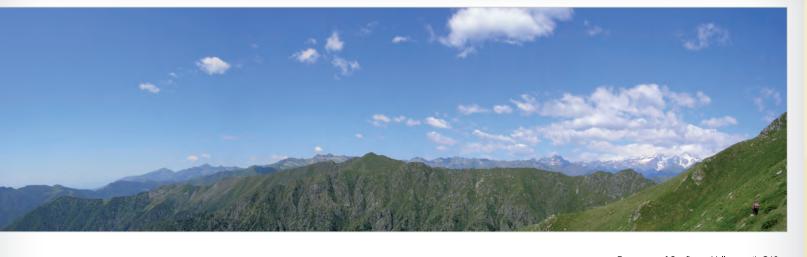
Time required: 4 h 30

Difficulty: Moderate

Intermediate sites: Oratory of San Bernardo Difference in altitude: 597 m climbing, 662 from the Brughiera Sanctuary you arrive at the Oratory of San Bernardo from which you can enjoy - Departure: Novareia Sanctuary (746 m) a spectacular panorama over the Po Valley and the Alps. You then proceed to the Novareia Sanctuary

- Arrival: Madonna delle Nevi del Cavallero - Intermediate villages: Castagnea, Masseranga - Difference in altitude: 50 m climbing, 300 m - Time required: 3 h 30

From the Novareia Sanctuary, in the village of Portula, you descend crossing the hamlets of Castagnea, Granero and Masseranga to climb again to reach Cavallero Sanctuary in the village Coggiola, situated in a basin surrounded by chestnut trees near Rio Cavallero.



Panorama of Confienzo Valley - path G12 (Photo by Roberta Ferraris)

The first part of the route, not very demanding

prepares you for the successive climb to Colle

Difference in altitude: 680 m

Time required: 2 h 30

Difficulty: demanding

Ecomuseum of Biellese, Museums, Food and Wine

The Ecomuseum of Biellese is a system strutured in fifteen cells that mirror the complexity of the territory, its traditions and transformation e Ecomuseum offers services that are specifically designed for adults, school groups and children such as guided visits, educational rkshops focusing on local traditions, training ourses and archive viewings. It also has acach unique cell takes the visitor on a journey discovery into the region and its traditions ne Ecomuseum cells are also the site for many vents, meetings and exhibitions.

Factory of the Wheel, Pray Extremely interesting example of industrial architecture that has conserved the te<mark>le-dy</mark>nam nergy transmission system, characterised e large wheel after which the building is name he building houses a specialist library <mark>an</mark>d an archive and is the headquarters of Doc<mark>Bi Ce</mark>ntro tudi Biellesi (centre for the documentation and rotection of the identity of the Biellese territory). he Factory of the Wheel is often used for exhibitions, demonstrations and market display

The structure dates back to 1627, and consists of a series of inter-connected buildings constructed in different periods. During demonstrations and on particular occasions, corn flour is produced using the restored milling equipment. It is also the site for educational workshops, exhibitions and cultural events. We suggest that you visit the web site and contact the cells directly to plan your visit to the Ecomuseum. The Oasi Zegna (Zegna Oasis) ecomuseum highlights the industries of beekeeping and milk

In addition to the fifteen cells of the Ecomuseum of Bonda is located amongst the woods of the hills of Biellese, the area offers other cultural displays and Mortigliengo, the small hamlet has been transformed Here are just a few in the area covered by this map: Historical archive and cultural centre in Trivero within the Lanificio Zegna, in a building that was the

also demonstrations and themed excursions home of the Zegna family. History and human experience embodied in a precious collection of fabric and documents, as well as multi-function The products, all locally sourced, reflect the space for projects and events. region and the skills of its inhabitants. These products have been brought back by the Ecomuseum thanks to research carried out in the field by the themed 'cells' and by the institutions In the food and wine sector, in addition to the butter, made from raw milk from the Upper Elvo (Elvo Valley and Serra Ecomuseum), the Eco

museum produces the Navette di Biella, biscuits that recall the wool industry, the Pandarbo, a sweet made with chestnut flour, honeys, among which the Frica Cinerea's honey made in limited quantities in the Red Banks of Curino area and apple mustard. In addition, walnut oil and nusüggio (the residue left over from walnut pressing), apple cider vinegar, stone-ground maize flour, cheese and cold cuts are produced Craft projects include the traditional Bielline di Ronco earthenware tableware and the scapin. shoes from the Cervo Valley made from wool For information on the Ecomuseum of Riellese the single cells, opening hours and the workshops

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The extreme diversification of the Biellese territory into an open-air gallery known as "Bondarte" is also reflected in its agricultural and farming where frescoes and artistic works are displayed on products: the cheeses that capture the aroma of the Alps, including tome and maccagni, fresh cheeses made from the milk of the Pezzate Rosse of Oropa, the famous cattle of the region, the exclusive wines of the Serra hills and the hills at the foot of Mount Rosa and the PDO (Protected Located at Sostegno, in the hamlet of Casa del

stination of Origin) Baraggia rice.

Bosco, the museum presents the history of Bramahere are also the prized meats and cold cuts terra production, the particularly prized wine created that combine perfectly with the various scented from Nebbiolo, Croatina and Vespolina grapes, with honeys, including the most common acacia, milequipment, farming utensils and interesting educalefiori, and chestnut varieties, and the rarer hododendron, melata (forest honey) and Municipality of Sostegno +39 015.762903 ypical of the Biellese Territory is the delicious and high quality speciality known as paletta. It is

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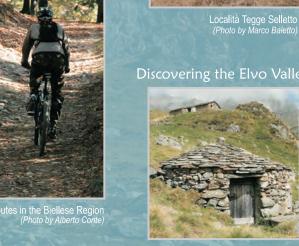
nade from the most prized shoulder portions of Piedmont pork, seasoned and spiced with herbs, berries and flavourings according to ancient recipes he wines include the still white and sparkling Erbaluce DOCG, and Caluso Passito, still produced with natural drying techniques. Then there are he various Canavese DOC wines from the hills of erra, Lessona DOC from the east of the Biellese erritory, "Vino d'Italia" selected by Quintino Sella to toast the baptism of the first government of a inified Italy, the Coste della Sesia DOC and the in the cellars of the Roppolo Castle that dominates the beautiful Lake Viverone. Apart from the wines, there are also beers and spirits such as the famous Ratafià and the world-renowned mineral waters. Mention must also be made of the apple and grape mustards, the jellies and the delicious desserts such as canestrelli, torcetti and the paste d'melia (cornflour biscuits). For more information on typical products and

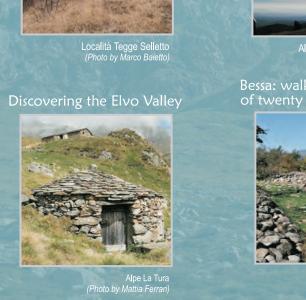
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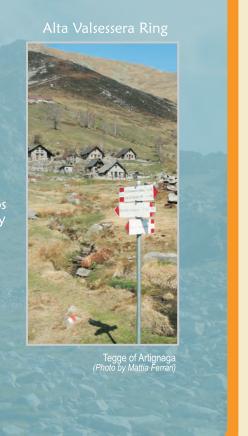
(Photo by Mattia Ferrari)

Measure 313 are used to support sustainable tourism in the rural areas favouring the enjoyment of touring routes on foot, bicycle and horseback. The Biellese Territory preserves many examples of its traditional textile heritage. Alongside the religious and cultural routes and the natural reserves are the textile and wool streets with valuable examples of industrial architectur often the site for extremely interesting archives A visit to the exclusive shopping outlets is also





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ntire Biellese Territory, from the plain to the Alps. The great variety of environments and scapes form an ideal backdrop for horse ling treks through natural reserves, naturalistic es, sanctuaries and small villages. The entire trail can be covered in a week, or you can choose certain sections. The whole trail is pen from May to October. he mountain section is not practicable during can be used at all times.

The Ippovia del Biellese (Biellese Horse Trail) is

oximately 200 km long and crosses the

he winter months, whilst the section on the plains We advise that you contact a riding centre in the area or in any case to undertake the route with e assistance of a qualified equestrian guide. The trail offers many interesting sights for the visitor: three main stops along the route at the appa of Sordevolo, the San Giovanni d'Andorno anctuary and Villa Piazzo in Pettinengo. The stops offer stables and accommodation for riders (always enquire about availability in





(Photo by Antonio Canevarolo - archive Province of Biella)

Mountain bike routes 6. Mountain Bike School in the Biellese region - Departure: La Sella Refuge (676 m) The Biellese Territory offers around 250 km of

signposted cycle routes for mountain biking in the hills and mountains. The following, highlighted in this map, are just some of the routes offered Soprana Mountain Bike Park The village of Soprana, situated in the Mortigliengo area, with its elevated position offers a spectacular panorama over the eastern Biellese territory. Here there is a mountain bike park that offers various routes.

4. Susta Mill route - Departure: Soprana — Ex Susta Mill (390 m) - Arrival: Soprana — Ex Susta Mill (390 m) Difference in altitude: 200 m climbing - Time required: 1 h 40 Difficulty: moderate mountain biking he route crosses the Terre Rosse area. It starts at the Susta Mill and then climbs besides the Ostola Torrent to reach Cerreti and Voglio, reenters the wood and then returns to the mill.

5. Madonna del Sabbione route - Arrival: Soprana - Ex Susta Mill (390 m) Difference in altitude: 320 m climbing - Difficulty: moderate mountain biking The route starts from the mill, continues towards the Bajet Bridge, then crosses a cultivated area

Ostola, or you can go to Bozzola and then to a

simple route from which you can take in a view of

the Masserano dam and then return to the mill.

- Departure: Bocchetto Sessera (1,373 m) to reach the La Sella refuge. The route then runs - Arrival: Bocchetto Sessera (1,373 m) alongside Madonna del Sabbione to reach a crossroad: here you can descend, on an extremely demanding mountain biking route, to the ford at

Ioncerchio, the higher and more panoramic - Arrival: La Sella Refuge (676 m) point of the route. From Colle the view opens on the Piedmont Alpine range. After the brow Difference in altitude: 110 m climbing you can enjoy an impressive view of the Mour Time required: 1 h 50 Difficulty: easy mountain biking The route then descends to return to the starting Ideal route for mountain bike enthusiasts, with long cycling tracks alternated with brief climbs Route C — Alta Val Sessera Circuit Departure: Bocchetto Sessera (1,373) Mountain bike routes Arrival: Bocchetto Sessera (1,373 m) in the Oasi Zegna Intermediate site: Piana del Ponte (1,038 m)

he Oasi Zegna (Zegna Oasis) has three marked routes that are suitable for mountain bike riding, with departure and arrival at Bocchetto Sessera. Route A — Artignaga Circuit n extraordinary route within the rugged - Departure: Bocchetto Sessera (1,373 m) landscape of the Upper Sessera Valley suitable - Arrival: Bocchetto Sessera (1,373 m) for riders who are both fit and technically - Intermediate sites: Artignaga (1,375 m) he route offers many historical-naturalistic points of interest. The route crosses the Piana

Difference in altitude: 80 m del Ponte with its perfectly conserved ancient Difficulty: not very demanding and suitable to all. It then continues to cross the Dolcinian path at Suitable to all, even the youngest cyclists. This the height of the "Ponte dei Lavaggi" to return panoramic route leads to the splendid Artignaga Basin and offers a spectacular view stretching to The route can be shortened to 11 km by making Route B - Bielmonte Moncerchio Circuit

- Difference in altitude: 200 m

- Difficulty: moderately difficult

- Time required: 1 h

- Intermediate site: Alpe Moncerchio (1,620 m)

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