Map of the Paths

hikers for planning their itinerary and for finding their way along its rich touring network. Its aim is to describe the landscape and cultural heritage of the Biellese territory.

artistic and cultural information, short descriptions of places, landscapes, nature reserves, peculiarities relating to the part of the territory represented. It offers tourists hints to discover nature, art, amusements, outdoor sports and quality shopping.

The map has been printed on synthetic paper, resistant to tearing and to be used outdoor by hikers.

his map was produced with the funds from the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 on foot, bicycle and horseback".

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The territory of Biellese Valleys, sanctuaries and parks. Uncontaminated nature

The Map of the paths of the Biellese territory is an indispensable tool for

The map shows on the back side, besides logistics, food and wine, and

water, in order to ensure longer durability in time and to better adapt it

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"Prehistoric stilt villages of the Alpine arc": a series

of prehistoric stilt villages situated in Italy, Austria,

France, Germany and Slovenia protected by UNESCO

Viverone stilt site is protected by water at a depth of

Azeglio, It consists of the lower parts of poles that

hold together the structures of a great village dating

a fascinating marsh land with fields and poplars and

is under the environmental protection of specific laws.

The current appearance of the Bessa Special

Reserve is the result of a transformation of the

ascinating sea of huge heaps of stones similar to

regetation, gives the Bessa a kind of "lunar"

appearance. This configuration is due to the activity

of gold mining in the Roman age: between the II

and the I century B.C. the Bessa was an immense

he Bessa is not only a particularly interesting area

from the geological (it is part of the morainic Serra

nill), archaeological and naturalistic point of view,

but also a tourist location. In fact, it is rich in easy

marked paths with specific information signboards,

many of which also suitable for mountain bike or

horseback riding. Through the routes it is possible

to discover the various characteristics of the Bessa

from the heaps of stones to the erratic blocks with

rupestrian inscriptions, from the pebble buildings

that bordered the ancient mine to the naturalisti

vonderful autumn foliage

www.riservepedeme

aspects with multicoloured flowering in spring and

The ideal times to visit the Bessa are spring and

explanatory material about the history of the Bessa

Located in the ex Lanificio Trombetta industrial

archaeology building in Biella, that has been

"ideafactory". This laboratory of artistic creativity is

the site for important cultural events, exhibitions and

educational activities. Here you will find the works of

Michelangelo Pistoletto, amongst other artists.

The products, all locally sourced, reflect the region

o research carried out in the field by the themed

'cells' and by the institutions that make up the

In the food and wine sector, in addition to the Slow

Food project to produce mountain pasture butter,

made from raw milk from the Upper Elvo (Elvo

the wool industry, the Pandarbo, a sweet made

with chestnut flour, honeys, among which the Erica

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

Craft projects include the traditional Bielline di

Ronco, earthenware tableware, and the scapin,

hemp.

In the heart of the Bessa Special Reserve, on the For information on the Ecomuseum of Biellese, the

Serra morainic hill, there is an ancient gold mine of single cells, opening hours and the workshops

rich in gold. The cell of Vermogno collects and We suggest that you visit the web site and contact

ocuments the processes used over the centuries the cells directly to plan your visit to the Ecomuseum.

the Roman period: a landscape dominated by huge please visit: www.cultura.biella.it

The Visit Centre, with seasonal opening, offer

landscape that occurred in ancient times: a

dunes, alternated with valleys covered with

Bessa Special Reserve

back to the Bronze Age. The area around the site is

metres and is situated between Viverone and

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www.regione.piemonte.it/ptplweb/index.do

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Line: Santhià-Biella-Novara

Golf, outdoor and water sports The Biellese territory has four important golf courses: the Golf Club Le Betulle in Magnana and

nce of Biella — Territory Promotion Service

easonal opening approximately from April to the half of October. Öpen on Saturdays and Sundays.

Station: Ivrea - Corso Costantino Nigra, 73

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ituated in the north-west of Piedmont, close to the

centres of Milan and Turin, the Biellese Territory is

pordered at the north by mountains, and features a

collection of diverse valleys framing hills rich in woods

t offers a variety of natural features, beautiful and

ncontaminated landscapes studded with many sites

of interest such as religious and cultural destinations,

garden parks and nature reserves, historical hamlets

The Elvo Valley marks the watershed between the

Biellese and the Canavese territories. It is situated

in a position that made it, during the Second World

War, a stronghold of the resistance against fascism.

Rich in woods, pastures and mountain huts, most

of which still used, the valley is characterized by

open landscapes and slight slopes, especially on

The greatest moraine of glacial origin in Europe dates

ast morainic amphitheatre of lyrea. It starts from

with parallel ridges that fray surrounding the basin

he area is crossed by a rich network of routes in

the woods and of panoramic tracks, scattered with

small lakes, depressions and erratic blocks of glacial

rillages connected by marked paths

rigin that outline a landscape characterized by small

_ake Viverone originates from a spring. It is a

protected faunal oasis that offers a natural landscape

rich in very interesting flora and fauna, but it is also

a pleasant tourist centre both for quiet holidays and

or outdoor sports (tennis, horseback riding, mountain

pike, trekking, fishing). Lake Viverone is also a

The Ecomuseum of Biellese is a system

structured in fifteen cells that mirror the

complexity of the territory, its traditions and

ansformations. The Ecomuseum offers services

that are specifically designed for adults, school

groups and children such as guided visits.

ducational workshops focusing on local

raditions, training courses and archive viewings.

ach unique cell takes the visitor on a journey

he Ecomuseum cells are also the site for many

discovery into the region and its traditions

events, meetings and exhibitions.

Centre of documentation about iron working

ne first iron workshops were established betwe

letro and Mongrando at the end of the 16th c<mark>entury</mark>.

series of tools produced by Rubino Workshop, sets of

samples, machinery, technical drawings and handbooks

nat show the development of production systems. It

a site for guided visits and educational workshops.

t i<mark>s a well preserved example of the small producti</mark>on

units which exploited the water motive power of

streams. The Morino forge shows all the machinery

and the tools used before industrial development.

heaps of stones that were stacked to sort the alluviu

educational workshops and practical experiences of

t also has accommodation and eating areas.

the slopes of Mombarone and it reaches Cavaglià

he right bank of the Elvo stream that flows down

and museums, and sites for winter and summer

and the plain that extends to the south.

outdoor activities and sports.

Nature and landscape



The Biellese territory, with its rough mountains, norainic hills and cultivated plain, offers ariegated landscapes, rich in marked paths ideal for trekking and mountain bike riding, but also in routes for cycle tourism, horse-riding and running and in places that are perfect fo

Among all the outdoor activities that you can enjoy between the Elvo valley and the Eporediese area, golf is particularly worth mentioning. a go-kart track and several sport facilities.



Panorama from Roppolo Castl

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We recommend that you contact the ATL (Local Tourist Agency) of Biella for the exact opening periods of the

nanagers. See box under "Information". ocalità Cavanna, Upper Elvo Valley pen all year round. Sleeps: 8 Phone +39 348.3301032 Via Umberto I. 98 - Sala Biellese Generally open all year round

Recently established, the Spina Verde Nature Reserve

includes the river area along the banks of the Elvo

stream between Occhieppo Inferiore and Mongrando.

and infrastructural actions in order to allow the public

The Biellese Territory is one in which devotion and

religion have left many traces. There are in fact many

sanctuaries situated in the heart of the mountain.

are not only places of worship and pilgrimage

The Graglia Sanctuary is located in the open and

date back to the beginning of the 17th century. The

sundials and a splendid stone fountain.

Ecomuseum of Biellese, Museums, Food and Wine

In addition to the fifteen cells of the Ecomuseum of

Biellese, the area offers other cultural displays and

In the part of territory represented on this map, of

particular interest is the Biellese Territory Museum.

situated in the 16th century cloister of San Sebastiano

in Riella. It offers the visitor exhibitions of art from

the 12th to the 20th century, as well as fossils and

archaeological finds from pre-history to the medieval

Besides, there are also other interesting thematic,

- in the town of Biella there are: the Alpini Museum.

that shows the history of the Alpine soldiers through

photographs, objects and documents: the Government

Archive; the "Vittorio Sella" museum and the

photographic laboratory of the Fondazione Sella; the

Info: www.museo.comune.biella.it: www.anabiella.it:

- in Donato there is the Documentation Centre on

- in Graglia the Museum of Natural Science and the

nfo: www.comune.graglia.bi.it: www.ecomuseo.it

making at Cascina San Clemente; Info: www.eco

- in Sala Biellese the Resistance Museum;

transformed into a corner of Palestine:

carters" at San Rocco church;

Info: www.ecomuseoami.it

- in Occhieppo Inferiore the exhibition about organ

- in Sordevolo the Passion Museum that recounts the

history of the Passion of Sordevolo, renowned example

of popular theatre involving all the inhabitants of

Sordevolo, who, every five years, stage the miracle

play of the Passion of Christ in an amphitheatre

- in Zimone the exhibition "Stories of carts and

seum site about popular religiousness at the

Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Biella.

Emigration - former Workers' Society;

www.asbi.it: www.fondazionecrbiella.it

m Foundation: the Culture Space of the

The Sanctuaries, architecture and

popular faith

efuges and the telephone numbers of the relevant

Information Sport and outdoor activities. Refuges

he Serra hill, the Tenuta Castello Golf Club in

Reserve, the Golf Club in Cavaglià and the Living

Garden Golf Club in Cossato. Moreover, there is a

practice golf course: the Golf Ponte Cervo.

Lake Viverone offers, besides the opportunity for

swimming, good locations to play water sports

such as sailing, water-skiing, speedboat racing,

wakesurfing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, fishing.

In the end, it is also to remember that there are

errione on the hillside of the Bessa Special

and 2013 were surveyed with GPS in strumentation b

A.T.L. of Biellese, C.A.I. Piedmont, the Province of Biella

• The toponymy has been updated with specific attention to

useful signage for trekkers (farmsteads, pastures, sites,

• The buildings and viability have been updated, the

last in terms of layout, the type of terrain and

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

sections differentiated in terms of morphology, type of

Point, to indicate interesting points along the route such

as important morphological aspects, changes in terrain,

crossroads with other paths or roads, start and finish

The Map, produced with entirely computerised techniques and procedures, is

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.

Vector information layers for paths in shp and gpx formats.

In case of accidents call

118 CENTRALE UNICA - Novara

Inform yourself about weather forecasts.
 exact location, place-name and altitude

 In winter, check on the snowfall danger level (from
 number and condition of injured parties to 5). If the level is greater than 2 it is better not

atmospheric conditions and visibility

reference points for location from the air and

Protect the injured party from atmospheric conditions

Do not administer drinks and/or medicines unless

Aid helicopter landing by collecting clothing a

by the turbulence created by the arrival of air rescue

organization and defensive structure are st

recognizable, that hosts the oratory dedicated to San

Giovanni Battista with 16th century frescoe

the stronghold of the Lords of Sandigliano and the

hill within the built-up area:

he ricetto of Dorzano, which stands on the top of a

and move all unnecessary people from the area.

potential obstacles (cables, electrical lines, etc.)

(wind, sun, rain, cold, etc.) with dry clothing.

Advice for mountaineers and hikers

Research the geomorphologic situation of the area

refuges and camping sites, cableways, etc.

Call 118 (single free phone health emergency number)

Open only on the occasion of religious ceremonies

summer, of concerts of ancient music by candlelight.

It is also important to mention S. Giacomo of the

Bessa abbey, built in 1085 in Sala Biellese; the

gravevard church of Santa Maria Assunta in Netro.

on whose façade the two building phases are still

visible, and the San Michele (or San Marco) Cell in

your name and telephone number

(practicability of paths and entrances), access to

Before leaving:

to attempt the route.

single free phone health emergency number

• Raster pictures, structured like the corresponding sections of extracts

from the Regional Technical Map, in jpg, ecw and kmz georeferenced

points, tourist facilities, architectural features, etc.

Linear, or the route course along with the identification of

The Map of the Paths of the Biellese ter-

ritory, produced by the Province of Biella in 2004,

has been revised with updates and new content.

The sections of paths that between 2007

and volunteers, have been updated.

environment, type of terrain, etc.

In particular, compared to the previous edition:

water courses).

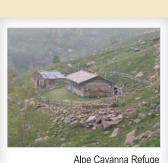
The numerical data available include:

Alpine guides

Alpine guides in the Biellese Region, head group Biellese Alps: Carlo Gabasio.

Alpine rescue Soccorso Alpino e Speleologico Piemontese del CNSAS del CAI (National Alpine and Speleological Rescue). e-mail: segreteria.saspbiella@gmail.com

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www.soccorsoalpino.biella.it



The sanctuary was built in the XVIII century around votive shrine of the XV century, embellished by a fresco which represents the Annunciation. The site can be reached by the Sala-Zubiena road which winds up the Serra morainic hill among fascinating landscapes surrounded by vegetation.

The three main ones are connected by a road that from At the foot of the mountain, Biella offers a great and Graglia Sanctuary in the Elvo Valley, passes via the important heritage of its past: from the findings of the famous Oropa Sanctuary in the valley of the same name Roman period preserved in the Biellese Territory and reaches San Giovanni d'Andorno Sanctuary in the Museum to the remarkable examples of Romanesque Cervo Valley. The sanctuaries in the Biellese Territory architecture testified by the splendid Baptistery and ne high bell tower of S.Stefano church. destinations, but also offer surprising artistic, historical he medieval village of Piazzo, built on the top of a and cultural sites and the chance to visit pleasant hill and accessible also by means of a funicular railway, locations surrounded by natural beauty, making it an with its old mansions, its arcades and paved streets is ideal location for visitors who are also lovers of natural beauty and the landscape. The sanctuaries offer n the town centre there are other remarkable, artistic accommodation to meet the visitor's various buildings: the Basilica of S. Sebastiano, beautiful example requirements, who can enjoy a relaxing break f Renaissance architecture among the most important surrounded by nature, whilst learning about the artistic. Piedmont, with its cloister, now seat of the Biellese religious and cultural heritage of the Biellese Territory. erritory Museum, and the SS. Trinità church. urthermore, along the Cervo stream, there are

settlements to discover industrial archaeology. picturesque Elvo Valley surrounded by woods. Its origins Romanesque architecture on the Serra thill visit to the sanctuary starts at the Basilica housing the The Serra hill is scattered with small villages and Chapel of the Loreto Madonna. The Cappella degli Esercizi on the first floor and the four chapels of the interesting buildings, such as small churches and abbeys Sacred Mount connected to the sanctuary are also of proving the presence of settlements in the Middle Ages special interest. Outside the Basilica are two artistic with several examples of Romanesque architecture. an Secondo church, dating back to the XI century, The verdant landscape, the pure water of the mountain stands isolated in a wide clearing not far from the springs and the splendid panorama of the plain make location of the monastic community of Bose, in the territory of Magnano. Thanks to the beauty of the site many hikes nearby for all, as well as other outdoor and the elegance of its shape, the church is one of the most interesting examples of Romanesque architecture

there are also some museums belonging to the

AMI (Morainic Amphitheatre of Ivrea) museum

ne Bötega del Frèr in Chiaverano, la Steiva Museum

weavers of chair straw seats in Azeglio, the museum

in the open of Modern Architecture and the

laboratory museum Tecnologicamente in lyrea; the

Pavone Canavese.

museum and study centre Alfredo D'Andrade in

www.santuariodigraglia.it Madonnina Sanctuary in Sala Biellese

The term "ricetto" derives from the Latin word receptum (shelter, refuge) and it defines a fortified impressive examples of the 18th century industrial

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The Biellese Territory:

a land of looms

ne 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 architecture.

often the site for extremely interesting archives.

A visit to the exclusive shopping outlets is also

not to be missed.

valls have survived: he ricetto of Ponderano, of which only the entrance tower and another tower have survived. www.castellodiroppolo.i

place, surrounded by walls, that was used, in turbulent times, as shelter to preserve food supplies deriving from harvests from enemy invasions. Only in case o extreme danger and for a short time it gave shelte also to population. In the area of the Serra, the mos ecognizable example of this kind of building is the icetto of Magnano, which preserves the original, almond-shaped, urban structure crossed by three rue (streets) lined with typical stone buildings. Situated on the ridge of the hill in panoramic position, it car also be reached from the plain of San Secondo through an easy path in the woods. In Roppolo there was a icetto, of whom only a few traces have survived. It developed along the hill where there is now a castle, whose origins date back to the X century. Particularly interesting, this building hosts now, in its cellars with brick vaults, the Serra Regional Winery that offers a wide range of wines, sparkling wines and grappa, among wich the DOC wines of the Biellese. It can be visited booking in advance at the Winery.

The Ricetto of Magnano

Biella & Buona

The extreme diversification of the Biellese territory is also reflected in its agricultural 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 famou cattle of the region, the exclusive wines of the Serra hills and the hills at the foot of Mount Rosa and the PDO (Protected Destination of Origin) Baraggia



Ecomuseum of Biellese - Ex Rubino Workshop in Netr (Photographic Archive Province of Biella) There are also the prized meats and cold cuts that combine perfectly with the various scented hone



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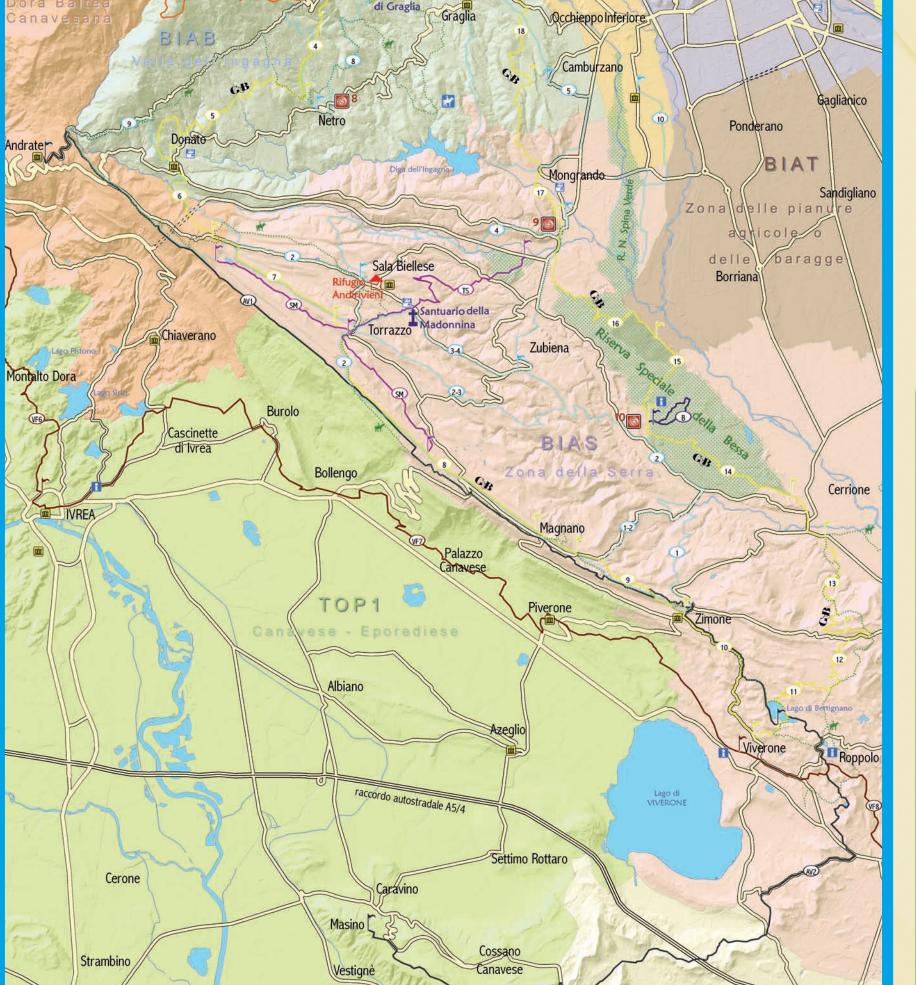


Picnic areas				ш	-77
<mark>Biella</mark> Bellone Park	3				•
Occhieppo Superiore Frazione Galfione (Castellazzo)	4				
Graglia Frazione Santuario	11	•		•	
Donato Poggio Castellazzo	3				
Donato Frazione Ceresito	6		•	•	
Netro Reg. Carasseie	5		•		
Netro Frazione Castellazzo	4		•		
Sala Biellese Madonnina Sanctuary	11			•	
Zubiena Bessa Special Reserve Loc. Vermogno near the Visit Centre	6			•	•
Cerrione Bessa Special Reserve Fontana del Buchin	6				•
Salussola Frazione Prelle	2		•		
Viverone Viale Lungo Lago	6				









VF7 - From Ivrea to Viverone - Departure: lyrea (252 m) - Arrival: Viverone (310 m) Difference in altitude: 271 m ascent, 213 m descent Time required: 4 h 50 - Difficulty: Easy Projects developed with RDP 2007-2013, Measure 313, Action The Biellese Territory is the subject of development projects financed with RDP 2007-2013, Measure 313, Action1. Funds allocated through Measure 313 are used to support sustainable tourism in the rural areas favouring the enjoyment of touring routes on foot, bicycle and horseback.

Routes Discovering the Biellese Territory. Mountain bike tracks

Routes Discovering the Biellese Territory. Walking routes to the Marking routes to the Routes Territory.

Stage 9: Magnano - Zimone

- Arrival: Cerrione (285 m)

Time required: 3 h 20

Difficulty: Easy

Stage 10: Zimone — Viverone

Route from Viverone to Cerrione

- Intermediate sites: Prelle (370 m)

Departure: Viverone, Borgata Rolle (360 m)

Difference in altitude: 170 m ascent, 245 m descent

Route among charming hills characterized by a

succession of woods and fields. Along the way there

ruins of the small Santa Elisabetta church. Besides,

at the arrival of the route in Cerrione, you can see

the remains of a castle dating back to the XIII century.

Below there is a description of an interesting route

in the Bessa Special Reserve. However, we suggest

(section about Bessa Special Reserve) to discover

- Departure: Visit Centre in Vermogno (Zubiena)

Àrrival: Visit Centre in Vermogno (Zubiena)

Religious routes

An easy route at the foot of the Serra morainic hill

among small villages, paths in the countryside and

Along the path there are two interesting, small churches

San Pietro near Bollengo and the "Gesiun" in Piverone,

a ruin where only external walls and a fresco have

In Viverone, arrival of the stage, San Michele Cell,

S. Rocco Oratory, Santa Maria church and the ruins

of the ancient ricetto are all noteworthy.

impressive views of Lake Viverone.

that you refer to the website:

the whole range of offers.

B - Ciapéi Parfundà route

- Difference in altitude: 37 m

Time required: 1 h 30

Stage 11: Viverone — Lake Bertignand

Stage 13: Salussola — Cerrione

Stage 12: Lake Bertignano — Salussola

are two points of interest: Lake Bertignano and the

Route from Cerrione to Mongrando

Intermediate site: Vermogno (350 m)

Difference in altitude: 150 m ascent, 100 m descent

One of the most interesting routes of the GTB, it goes

through the Bessa Special Reserve, one of the widest

gold mines of ancient times. The activity of gold mining

has radically transformed the landscape, but after the

exhaustion of the mine nature has prevailed again. What

now appears to the eyes of visitors is a fascinating

landscape characterized by huge heaps of stones resulting

from the ancient mining activity, alternated with valleys

A ring shaped route that winds through woods and

heaps of stones from which you can enjoy panoramic

views of the town of Biella, of the mountains and the

Serra hill. The name "Ciapéi Parfundà", which means

"sunk stones", comes from stories of the local

nhabitants about a tunnel that led through the pebbles.

ormed by several buildings sunk in the heaps of stones.

planned in order to allow the visit by people with motor

disability. After the works it will be possible to go also

with wheelchair along a shorter ring shaped route, that

will allow to discover the peculiarities of the Bessa. We

suggest that you ask the Ente di Gestione delle Riserve

Pedemontane e delle Terre d'Acqua for further information.

Bessa, along the "Riva del Ger" route - path S26a

- Arrival: Santhià (183 m)

Time required: 4 h

of Ivrea and of Lake Viverone.

Difficulty: Easy

Difference in altitude: 100 m ascent, 227 m descent

The stage begins in Viverone and goes through Roppolo,

where there is a castle dating back to the X century, now

seat of the Serra Regional Winery, from which it is possibile

to enjoy a spectacular view of the morainic amphitheatre

Along the route there are traces of an ancient settlement

Now the arrangement of a part of this route has been

Departure: Cerrione (285 m)

- Arrival: Mongrando (340 m)

Time required: 3 h 40

covered with vegetation.

Stage 14: Cerrione - Vermogno

Stage 15: Vermogno — Borriana

Stage 16: Borriana – Mongrando

Route from Mongrando to Pollone

Intermediate sites: Muzzano (520 m), Occhieppo

Difference in altitude: 440 m ascent, 160 m descent

Along the right side of the Elvo stream, among woods and

meadows, the visitor meets farmhouses and villages to walk

down then towards Occhieppo Superiore and continue until

the nice, small San Grato church. After reaching Pollone.

elegant place chosen as holiday resort by intellectuals of

the past like Benedetto Croce, the next stage is immersed

Stage 20 (partly represented on this map): Occhieppo

in the Burcina park, famous for its flowerings.

Stage 19: Muzzano — Occhieppo Superiore

Stage 17: Mongrando - Camburzano

Stage 18: Camburzano — Muzzano

(Photo by Antonio Canevarolo - Photographic Archive Province of Biella)

the Serra and its villages.

TS - Taglia Serra Path

- Departure: Bornasco (405 m)

Difference in altitude: 217 m

- Arrival: Torrazzo (620 m)

Time required: 1 h 30

The road of job

Length: 4.8 km

Difficulty: Easy

tradition of this area.

SM - Path of the World

- Arrival: Prè Basin (700 m)

Time required: 1 h 20

of these routes:

In the context of the project "Semplicemente Serra"

(Simply Serra) there are ten thematic routes, equipped

with explanatory signboards, that lead to the discovery

of history, culture, tradition and natural landscape of

They are easy routes, suitable for everyone, and the

boards describe curiosities and games also for little

Walking along these paths is like opening a book rich in

Below you can find, in particular, the description of two

Route between Torrazzo and Sala Biellese that reports

the history of the industrious Biellese territory. On the

traces of the ancient road that connected the Biellese

and the Canavese territories, that goes through woods

and meadows, you can find explanatory signboards about

the cycle of hemp from the field to the loom, ancient

Migrating from the Serra and to the Serra

Departure: SP 338 Magnano crossroads (630 m)

The Path of the World tells, while walking, the stories of

the emigration of the inhabitants of the Serra to Europe

destinations of emigrants: Italy, Europe, other continents.

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Besides the castle. San Vitale church, the small centre of Peverano, Montalto tower (or San Lorenz

tower) and Morzano castle are also noteworthy

The route continues towards Cavaglià, where it

possible to visit the parish church of San Michel

San Rocco Oratory and Santa Maria del Babilone

The way goes on with slight ups and downs until

From the leg of the Via Francigena

se territory it is possible to reach, walking

on paths, some of the main Alpine sanctuarie

which are a particular characteristic of the Bielles

territory. The route, named "Cammini dell'Uomo

runs partly on paths of the GTB and is divided

stages that connect Viverone with Crevacuor

passing by Bose monastery, Graglia sanctuar

Oropa sanctuary, San Giovanni d'Andorno sanctual

The "San Carlo Path" must also be San Carlo!: a cultural and religious route (no

specifically marked yet) in 12 stages that star

from Arona on Lake Maggiore and winds over th

Via Francigena to Viverone, following the footster

of Cardinal Carlo Borromeo. The walker can enic

the extraordinary beauty of the territory at t

Santhià, first totally flat place.

and Brughiera sanctuary.

www.camminidelluomo.it

slow pace of a stroll.

curiosities while walking immersed in nature.

- Departure: Mongrando (340 m)

Arrival: Pollone (620 m)

Superiore (450 m)

Time required: 4 h 45

- Difficulty: Moderate

Length: 14 km

GB Grande Traversata

A long ring shaped and well signposted route, mostly at

erritory that reveals ancient sanctuaries, natural reserves

aditional villages and beautiful panoramas. The GTE

he Great Biellese Crossing) is divided into 57 stages

f varying levels of difficulty that can be covered in 15

- Intermediate sites: Netro (650 m), Donato (700 m)

Difference in altitude: 410 m ascent, 590 m descent

Route that connects the Graglia Sanctuary to Torrazzo

through panoramic paths and stretches surrounded

by grass and farmhouses in the picturesque Elvo Valley.

Stage 4: Graglia Sanctuary — Netro

Stage 6: Donato - Scalveis (Chiaverano)

Route from Torrazzo to Viverone

- Departure: Torrazzo (640 m)

Length: 14.3 km

Time required: 4 h 10 Difficulty: Easy

superb view of Lake Viverone.

deep roots of Biellese culture.

B12, B13, B13a, B30)

this map are:

Stage 7: Scalveis (Chiaverano) - Torrazzo

- Arrival: Viverone, Borgata Rolle (360 m)

- Intermediate sites: Magnano (540 m), Zimone (440 m)

Difference in altitude: 110 m ascent, 390 m descent

Route on the Serra morainic hill that passes through

the interesting village of Magnano. It is possible to

visit the nearby monastery of Bose and San Secondo

church, one of the most renowned examples o

Romanesque architecture in the Biellese territory

Further along the way woods give way to vineyards

until, from the top of gentle hills, you can enjoy a

The Mountain and Culture routes are seven Alpine

culture routes with panels that illustrate the main

aspects of life, the environment and the culture of

ne Biellese valleys. The network of routes is

The Mountain and Culture routes represented on

7. The Serra Panoramas (trail B11, B11a,

s route winds between pastures over gentle hills

reveal magnificent panoramas. At the Alpone

chalet, the route crosses over flat terrain to offer

to the morainic hill of Serra and Lake Viverone, the

the Piedmont Alps and the Lombardy Alps, and the

Ligurian and Tuscan-Emilian Apennines to the south.

Routes inside the Bessa Special

The environment of the Bessa is characterized by a

wide sea of huge heaps of stones alternated with

valleys covered with vegetation. Its origin is due to

the activity of gold mining in the Roman age between

As regards hiking, the Bessa offers the opportunity

hat help tourists and lead them to discover the

e Via Francigena is a cultural route divided in 79

nnects Canterbury with Rome, in the footsteps

tages and acknowledged by the Council of Europe

of the way followed in the X century by Sigeric

to visit the Pope John XV and receive the pallium of

part of this ancient pilgrimage route, used during

enturies also for trade and military purposes

sses the Biellese territory and allows you to discov

naturalistic beauties and its historic, artistic and

cultural points of interest, besides food and wine, a

he slow pace of a walk or of a ride by bike or on

In the part of territory represented on this map

there are the following stages of the Via Francigena

Difference in altitude: 354 m ascent, 433 m

e stage winds up slight slopes with easy route

nong small villages and paths immersed in nature

long the way there are the architectural structure of

Lorenzo, the village of Montestrutto and Montalto

Castle. At the end of the stage the city centre of Ivrea

VF6 - From Pont Saint Martin to Ivrea

Departure: Pont Saint Martin (346 m)

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(partly represented on this map)

- Arrival: Ivrea (252 m)

Time required: 5 h 55

Difficulty: Easy

chbishop of Canterbury, who had travelled to Rome

naturalistic and archaeological aspects of a unique

panoramic view of the Biellese territory extending

navese territory, part of the Po Valley framed by

Departure: Località Bossola (940 m

Intermediate site: Alpone (1,431 m)

- Arrival: Alpe Cavanna (1,470 m)

Difference in altitude: 602 m

Alpone - Alpe Cavanna: 1 h 15

Bossola - Alpone: 1 h 30

accessible to all who wish to learn more about the

Mountain and

Culture Routes

Stage 5: Netro — Donato

ays, but are easily broken down into daily hikes.

Departure: Graglia Sanctuary (810 m)

- Arrival: Torrazzo (640 m

oderate heights through a surprisingly rich and varied

the Biellese Territory he Biellese territory offers around 250 km o inposted cycle routes for mountain biking in the ills and mountains. The following routes, i particular, are represented on this map:

- Departure: Zimone (463 m) - Arrival: Zimone (463 m) Lenath: 8.9 km Difference in altitude: 199 m ascen Time required: 40 min Difficulty: mountain bike easy e route winds through woods and grass long the rra morainic ridge. It crosses the small village of

agnano characterized by its medieval ricetto and

he Romanesque San Secondo church.

- Sala Biellese - Departure: Sala Biellese (624 m - Arrival: Sala Biellese (624 m) Difference in altitude: 468 m ascent - Difficulty: mountain bike medium e route winds through grass and woods and verlooks the plain offering impressive views of the ay crosses the characteristic small village of Magnand runs alongside the Bessa Special Reserve and it

meets the Ecomuseum of Gold and the Bessa. 3 - Zubiena - Departure: Zubiena (492 m) - Arrival: Zubiena (492 m) Length: 11.6 km Difference in altitude: 173 m ascent Time required: 50 min - Difficulty: mountain bike medium

The route winds through grass and chestnut woods. Starting from the built-up area of Zubiena. it reaches the Madonnina sanctuary in Sala Biellese and continues towards Torrazzo to arrive then

 Departure: Mongrando (340 m. O Mountain Bike Routes in the Biellese - Arrival: Mongrando (340 m) Difference in altitude: 334 m ascent Time required: 1 h 20 Difficulty: mountain bike medium

The route winds through woods and grass long the Serra morainic ridge. Along the way there are the Ecomuseum Morino Forge in Mongrando and the Madonnina sanctuary in Sala Biellese. It also runs alongside the Bessa Special Reserve. 4 - Mongrando

5 - Camburzano Departure: Camburzano (430 m) - Arrival: Camburzano (430 m) Difference in altitude: 240 m ascent Time required: 1 h Difficulty: mountain bike easy

View of the Biellese mountains from the Serra – path S1

Length: 39 km

ruins of an old tower that belonged to an ancient, now destroyed, castle, the route climbs up to Muzzano following a panoramic road that overlooks the plain. it continues towards Graglia and its renowned sanctuary and then it returns to the starting point 6 - Occhieppo Superiore (partly represented on this map) Departure: Occhieppo Superiore (464 m - Arrival: Occhieppo Superiore (464 m)

Starting from Camburzano, where you can see the

Difference in altitude: 1,200 m ascent Time required: 3 h - Difficulty: mountain bike expert The route overlooks the Biellese plain, winds through woods, meadows and pastures, with both dirt road and asphalted sections. The starting point is Occhieppo Superiore. The route passes through Gradia, with its famous Sanctuary, as well as the small Alpine villages of Bagneri and the Trappa of Sordevolo, both cells of the Ecomuseum of Biellese where you can discover more about mountain life and culture.

7 - Graglia Sanctuary Departure: Graglia Sanctuary (800 m) - Ar<mark>ri</mark>val: Graglia Sanctuary (800 m) Difference in altitude: 395 m ascent Time required: 1 h 15 - Difficulty: mountain bike expert The route passes through woods and meadows with both dirt road and asphalt sections and offers an extensive panorama of the Biellese Alps. The route starts at the Graglia Sanctuary, one of the most important in the region, and proceeds along a panoramic route that overlooks the plain extending to the Alps of Liguria and Lombardy. It then descends

through woodland to arrive again at the Graglia

TMCCE Tracce dei Ghiacciai

- Departure: Netro (560 m) - Arrival: Netro (560 m) - Difference in altitude: 440 m ascent Time required: 2 h - Difficulty: mountain bike expert Difficult route with panoramic parts that overlook he mountains. Along the way the Ecomuseum Ex Rubino Workshop and the Romanesque Assunta church in Netro are noteworthy. At La Bossola you

8 - Netro

hendecasyllabic echo. The Graglia Sanctuary is also - Arrival: Donato (700 m) Difference in altitude: 333 m ascent Difficulty: mountain bike exper Difficult route that offers panoramic views of the

the Biellese Alpine arc. The route goes also alongside Difference in altitude: 69 m ascent - Time required: 40 min - Difficulty: mountain bike easy

10 - Occhieppo Inferiore - Arrival: Occhieppo Inferiore (370 m) Easy route without great difference in altitude that starts from the little San Clemente church in Occhieppo Inferiore and runs on easy roads among

The route is divided into five stages, one of which is represented on this map: Stage 5. From Coda Refuge to Mombarone Refuge and San Carlo in Graglia Departure: Coda Refuge (2,280 m) - Arrival: Mombarone Refuge (2,312 m) San Carlo in Graglia (1,028 m) Difference in altitude: 438 m ascent, 1.690 m - Difficulty: For expert hikers (EE) The route leads to Mount Bechit. It touches Mour Roux, the Punta Tre Vescovi, the Colma of Mombarone and goes down towards San Carlo in Graglia.

ALPI BIELLESI Alta Via delle Alpi

The Alta Via delle Alpi Biellesi is a beautiful and

varied Alpine trekking route that follows the moun

villages of Piedicavallo in the Cervo Valley wi

San Carlo in Graglia in the Elvo Valley. From the

mountain crests, you can take in a magical pane

rama revealing nature at its most uncontaminat

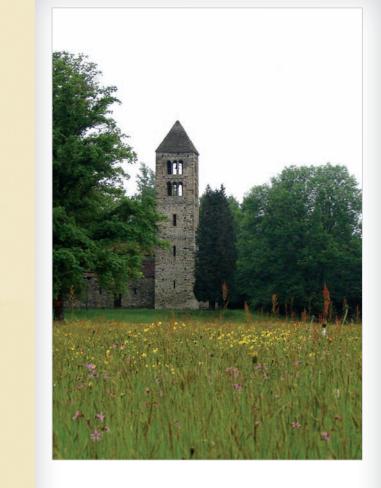
and savage. Certain stages of the route have fixed

opes, or cover broken ground and exposed terrai

The route is therefore only suitable for those wit

The ideal period for the Alta Via route is from the

AV 2. The Eastern Frontal Moraine (partly represented - Arrival: Masino (420 m); bridge over the Dora Baltea - Difference in altitude: 560 m ascent, 730 m descent The route goes through Roppolo, seat of the castle that hosts the Serra Regional Winery, and Cavaglià. It continues



Romanesque San Secondo church – path S30a

Horse tracks

Alta Via dell'Anfiteatro

The Alta Via dell'Anfiteatro Morenico of Ivrea is a

system of routes, suitable for all, that don't present

particular, technical difficulties and that wind up hills

with rivers and small lakes silhouetted against the

background of the mountains. The Alta Via is constituted

by a main trail that follows the arc of the hills from

from the villages of the Biellese, the Canavese and the

The Alta Via dell'Anfiteatro Morenico is divided into

four stages, two of which are represented on this map:

Difference in altitude: 149 m ascent, 591 m descent

The route starts in Andrate, goes beyond the Roc

Basariund (erratic block) and reaches Magnano,

interesting village characterized by the presence of

San Secondo. It continues then until the church of San

Grato, on the hill above Zimone and it reaches the nice

then until the village of Masino dominated by the renowned

castle. The stage goes then towards Maglione and Moncrivello

until reaching the bridge over the Dora Baltea in Mazzè

- Departure: lake Bertignano (380 m)

- Time required: 9 h 40

an ancient ricetto and by the Romanesque church of

ercellese areas, lead to the main trail.

AV 1. The Serra of Ivrea

- Lenath: 20.9 km

Time required: 6h

- Difficulty: Easy

Lake Bertignano.

Departure: Andrate (829 m)

- Arrival: Lake Bertignano (380 m)

drate to Brosso and by several linking routes that,

he Ippovia del Biellese (Biellese Horse Trail) is ellese Territory, from the plain to the Alps. m an ideal backdrop for horse riding treks prough natural reserves, naturalistic pases. inctuaries and small villages he entire trail can be covered in a week, or you n choose certain sections. ne whole trail is open from May to October. The nountain section is not practicable during the

winter months, whilst the section on the plains can

the area or in any case to undertake the route with the assistance of a qualified equestrian The trail offers many interesting sights for the visitor: three main stops along the route at the Trappa of Sordevolo, the San Giovann 'Andorno Sanctuary and Villa Piazzo in The stops offer stables and accommodation for riders (always enquire about availability in

We advise that you contact a riding centre in



Panorama of the Serra from Piane di Donato – path B32

"Tracce dei Ghiacciai" (Traces of Glaciers) is a interesting mountain bike route (not specifically marked yet, but already practicable) that, starting from Brosso, crosses the Biellese territory ar reaches Alagna in Valsesia following the profile the morainic amphitheatre. From the Alps to the plain, you ride on the imposing traces left by ancient glaciers of the Quaternal period between the Dora Baltea and the Ses discovering the Canavese, the Biellese and the Valsesia territories.

www.tracceghiacciai.it Baby Bike Park Recently built, the Baby Bike Park in Occhienn Inferiore offers little children fond of cycling the opportunity to practice in a limited area far from usy roads and surrounded by the green meadow

- Departure: Occhieppo Inferiore (370 m)

lakes of the Canavese territory, of Valle d'Aosta and The Baby Bike Park has been realized with the funds from the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, Measure 313, Action 1 "Infrastructure of the regional path network for the realisation of tours on foot, bicycle and horseback".



near San Clemente church and Cascina San