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Via dell'Acqua: Tappa 2 Valfenera - Villanova d'Asti
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
25.00 km

Tempo
6 hours

Stage
2

Descent elevation loss
17 m

Difficulty
Touristic

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Valfenera
14017 Valfenera AT
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (7.96438 44.89924)
Altitude
277 m
Arrival address

Villanova d'Asti
14019 Villanova d'Asti AT
Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (7.93767 44.94228)
Arrival altitude
260 m

Descrizione

From the concentric of Valfenera we head south, through the valley, through areas characterized by a **strong presence of woods** and arriving at the hamlet of San Sebastiano, where we can visit **the small eighteenth-century church**. We continue along the ridge, appreciating the **various panoramic points** until we reach Valmaggiore, a typical settlement on the hill ridges, and continue to Frazione Villata. During the Second World War, the GL Brigade "Domenico Tamietti" settled in this hamlet, one of the first partisan groups, led by commander Giovanni Scagliola, known as "Piero". From the hamlet we continue westwards, through wooded areas and agricultural areas, to arrive at **Cellarengo**, near the Ferrere road. The first historical information about Cellarengo dates back to the year 862. Initially it belonged to the territories of the Abbey of Nonantola and then, in 1200, passed among the possessions of the Monastery of Sant'Anastasio di Asti. From 1214 the village became a municipality and underwent several passages between some important families of Asti. Of particular importance, historically, is the presence of a **castle**, richly decorated and equipped with a park and a court chapel. It suffered various vicissitudes, passing from various owners until the last of these, the brothers Jona di Canale, sold it to the peasants who destroyed it to sell the bricks making them lose their traces. Important artistic traces remain in the church of San Giovanni Battista and in the Chapel of the Madonna Assunta. Let's continue northwards for about 10 km, crossing a plain with a strong agricultural vocation thanks to the presence of **numerous watercourses and little lakes**, perfectly visible along the way. We cross the village of Isolabella and arrive at the concentric **Villanova d'Asti, the end of the second stage**. Villanova was originally a simple village called Corvaglia, belonging to the house of Saxony. In 1001 Otto III donated this village to the monastery of S. Felice of Pavia. Around it farmers began to settle in the service of the monastery and this settlement took the name of Villanova della Piana. Following some revolts of the peasants and the growing indebtedness of the monastery to quell them, the territory of Corvaglia and Villanova della Piana was sold to the municipality of Asti in 1210. Since then the village has been called Villanova d'Asti. There are numerous testimonies in the territory, among which we remember the church of San Martino, the Sanctuary of the Beata Vergine, the civic tower and the castle.

Public transport access
No

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Devotional relevance
No

Historical relevance
No

Dettagli

Code
VDA

Classification
Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

Province

Asti

Ultima data di aggiornamento
15/12/2023

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
Le verne
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No

Province names
Asti