

Difficulty	Easy
Lenght (km)	8,95 + 1,3 + 1,5= 11,75
Difference in altitude (m)	139
Altitude min (m above sea level)	1261
Altitude max (m above sea level)	1355
Walking time (hh.mm)	03.00.00
Gathering place and starting of the path	Hotel Pomieri over the 'Strada Provinciale 52' to Piano Battaglia – Case la Pazza
Equipment and struments	Binoculars – orchids' guide

DESCRIPTION

The main theme of the path could be the so called 'marcàti', which are all long the itinerary. One of them is represented by 'Case La Pazza', that is the first step of the long and reach path, where sheperds with their animals stay there the entire hot season and even today the produce the typical cheese of the Madonie and the famous ricotta cheese 'basiliscu'.

Downhill, before the Faguara hill, we can find the second point of observation, from which you can see Dolomits' grey hights (220 billion of years ago).

The careful observer with magnifying glass will certainly see the lamellibranchs' fossils incorporated in the limestone matrix. This rocky formation is old and in contrast with the colour of the hilly terrain which are more recent (20 billion of years ago) and belonging to the clays of the 'Flysh Numidico oligo-mioceniche'.

Through the left side of the Faguara valley (after the listening of the armonious birdsong and the sound of the water's flow, and after having enjoyed three's shadow), after a brief ascent, you will arriveto 'Balzo Canna'. There, it is possible to conquer the top of 'Pizza Canna' (1.428 metres above sea level) in order to see a wonderful landascape. It is important to underline, however, that 'Area of Pizzo Canna' (see planimetry), included within the project 'Aquila reale' of this Ente, constitutes one of the sites of itself; for this reason visitors must make the variation of the hiking tail, in order to let out the perimeter of maximum protection and the trait of the path 15 (base of Pizzo Canna), where you can find the area; there, indeed, it is forbidden making hiking tail and/or other activities, because it was confirmed that they costitute a negative success fro the proliferation.

Paying attention, you can go through the steep and stony street, that arrives to Contrada Frattasella and than you can arrive to the homonymus watering hole for a brief break, while you can observe two 'màrcati', one of them is seasonal, the other one is settled.

From this point forward, the path is reach of several holm oaks and other specimens, that many years ago covered the entire area and it is easier to cross because of the flat floor and it leads to another point of observation, from which you can see the wonderful wood, prevalent of oalm hooks by Vicaretti and by Gimmeti. The site has a shed made up for them, who loves bird watchying. In addition, a big perastro.

Some metres forward and you will arrive to Portella Gangitani, from which it is possible to make a deviation of some kilometres to visite an other 'marcato', also called of 'Raimondo' and, above, 'Pozzo Minnonica', a dangerous, but also beautiful, karst chasm, that is 57 metres deep.

The next step is constituted by 'Acqua du Piraniu', where you can drink some water and see a wonderful kind of Maple tree with extraordinary dimension; further downstreet, you can visit two other 'màrcati' (of Piano Ferro) and another drinking trough, with an open ground used as vegetable garden and they typical example of a past, in which people used to live in contact with nature and mountains.

You are arrived at the end of the path, that introduce to Piano Pomo, here you have walked for 6 kilometres from the starting point and from this point you can find thousands of sqm of ground in which there is a several number of Ilex aquilofium with extraordinary dimension and they are so

thick, that the sunlight can't penetrate well. Holly usually creates bushes or little trees, but here it is different: it creates a sort of population and some trees can be more than 15 metres in height and trunks can have big diameters and strange and particular shapes, that you can interpret as clouds during the sunrise. It is important to underline that entering within the Agrifogli Giganti population is forbidden, because it is dangerous for visitors' health, according to the note n.9615 of the 12/07/2010 of the Azienda Regionale Foreste Demaniali and according to CTS Ente Parco in date 19/10/2010.

After having relax and having regained your strength, with a deep sensation of contentment, you can start again to walk to Piano Sempria, where you can have your packed breakfast and you can benefit services offered by the Refuge Crispi, that is property of C.A.S..

After that, you will go down the path of Carbonai until Milocca, where you will finally take the bus to go back home.