

Early summer themes: " Bloom Season "
The Alpine Stars " Edelwaiss "
" The biodiversity of the Alpine Grassland "
" The plants growing on the Rocks "

Flowers "Between the Gran Paradiso National Park and the Mont Avic Natural Park



The Dondena Refuge is on the large alpine grassland where you can see the unique and particular blooms between June and July, accompanied by the Guide's Nature in the High Valley of Champorcher.

The program includes this meeting of Guide's Nature in the afternoon at hours 4.30 pm. "We discreetly watch the Marmots that left about a month ago the winter hibernation:" ... They are very curious and they spy on us! " ... and around the Dondena Shelter, there are many burrows dens in the alpine meadow... These rodents peep us! " ... Dinner at refuge* hours 20.00 pm. - The "Naturalistic Hike" will start the following day until late afternoon. Participant: 4\6 minimum. Adults will contribute and will pay for the excursion. While it will be free children and youth boys. (For safety they must be accompanied by their parents: Children aged 8 \ 10 years and young boys over 14 \ 15 years).

Daily excursion costs:

euro 60 for person (minimum 2\3 participants)
euro 15 for person (minimo 8\10 participants)

euro 25 for person (minimum 4\7 participants)
euro 10 for person (minimo 11\15 participants)

Special for Families: paying adults and parents; free for children and teenagers.

**NB: Associations and Groups organized by 19 \ 25 participants: € 8 for person.
(Free for Teachers or Group leaders qualified. = Groups € 150 per day).**

On request we organize naturalistic hikes and photographic ethics days, for those who wish to photograph the environment and nature. Gianni, as well as being a Park Guide, graduated from the "Albertina" Academy of Fine Arts in Turin and in Salzburg. He follows and organizes courses in painting and photography specialized in natural environments, landscape and the recovery of wild animals. During the period of ranger he learned to observe the alpine fauna (in silence), without disturbing it, before photographing or drawing it. One more reason to explore the topic of ethics and thought, on what concerns nature and alpine biodiversity.

NB. The Dondena Refuge includes half board: evening dinner, overnight stay and breakfast morning, (drinks and extras excluded). Reservation is welcome. The bedrooms with beds for one or two families: **€ 55** for person. There are two large common rooms and it is **€ 45** for person (* You have to think about equipment for mountain and a light sack of sleeping sheet).

The first tenuous blooms of "*Colchici, Soldanelle, Pulsatille*" get out before at the green grass of the alpine meadow. At the end of May and June: "*Potentille, Genziane and Ranunculaceae*" and later than July, the blooms are at the over the summit and certainly change from "*Silene acaule, Arniche, Seneci, Alpine Aster, Edelwaiss*".

Information and Bookings: Hikes or Excursions are coordinated by the Guide (Aigae & Agenna VdA)

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