

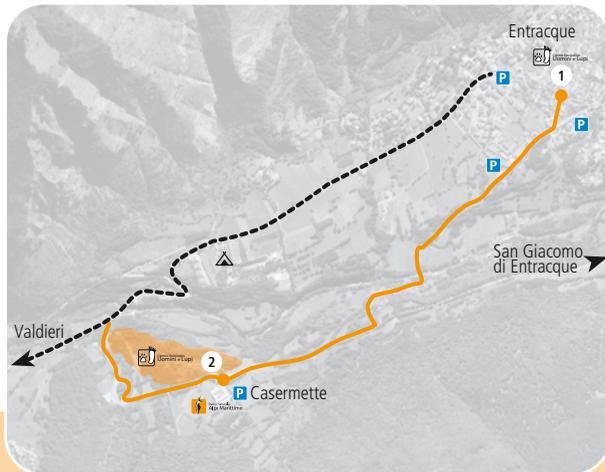
How

The **two sections** of the wildlife centre in the village of Entracque and the Casermette area develop separately. A tour can be made of only one of them; if you opt to tour the entire centre then you can start from either section. Each self-guided tour takes about an hour; in Casermette time must be added to stop in the observation tower of the wolf area.

The entrances to the Uomini e Lupi Wildlife Centre have a **park shop** with material from the wildlife Centre and products from the area, offered by the Ecotourism in Maritime association; there is a cafeteria in Casermette.

The **school tours** can be combined with educational activities of the Park or the offers of the Luigi Einaudi Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Gelas cross-country skiing Centre and the Sports Centre with swimming pool.

Bicycles are available in the tour sections, to go along the bike-pedestrian route (distance: 2.3 km – 0.40 minutes on foot) which connects them. Use of the bikes is free of charge (limited availability) for those who purchase a ticket to tour the two sections.



- 1 Entracque section
- 2 Casermette section
- Operational headquarters of the Park
- Parking
- Camping
- "Uomini e lupi" wildlife area
- Bike track
- Bike/pedestrian route

When

Open all year with varying closing times and periods.

How to arrive there



Distances

Milan: 272 km – 3 hours 10 minutes
Turin: 122 km – 1 hour 45 minutes
Genova: 171 km – 2 hours 20 minutes
Nice: 131 km – 2 hours 25 minutes



Info

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**Parco naturale
Alpi Marittime**

The “uomini e lupi” wildlife centre

Can men and wolves live together? Before providing the answer, the wildlife centre of the Maritime Alps Park offers visitors the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the animal, its behaviour and therefore have all the elements necessary to form a **documented and informed opinion**.

The Uomini e Lupi centre includes an **enclosure of approximately eight hectares in** which some examples of *Canis lupus italicus* are housed. These are exclusively **animals that could not live free**: because they are victims of serious accidents, or because they are already born in captivity.



Ligabue, a true story

In the tunnel in the Casermette area, **Caterina, a wolf enthusiast**, who travels the world to capture the life and habits on camera, leads the visitor to discover the planet of the wolf: characteristics, social behaviour, hunting techniques. ... all through a series of videos, offered in five places: the **Laboratory**, the **Library** and the **Kitchen** of the house of the young artist, a **Forest**, and a mountain **Refuge**. Caterina is a fictional character; the story she tells us however, is true; the story about Ligabue, a young male that in 2004, thanks to a radio collar, was followed day after day in his travels from the Parma Apennines to the Maritime Alps.

Fairytales, myths and legends

In the Entracque exhibition centre the narrating voice of a storyteller leads the tour. Again, screenings are shown in each of the four rooms. It starts from the **Tenda delle Favole** (Fairytale Tent), a joy for children, and then moves to the **Officina delle Bici** (Bicycle workshop): the storyteller has gone around the world on a magical two-wheeler to discover **legends and myths** related to the wolf. He discovered them in Turkey, Russia, Sweden, and Ireland, among the Mongols and the Indians of North America. In the next **Galleria dei Ritratti** (Gallery of Portraits) are smugglers, gamekeepers and “lupari”, officials that controlled wolf populations to tell of their encounters with the wolf, while the **Grotta** (Cave) captures the comments of shepherds, foresters, hikers ... from contact with all these characters a moral emerges which seems predictable: the wolf is neither good nor bad, the wolf attacks other animals because of instinct, because that is the role that it was assigned with in the great cycle of life.



the observation tower

A three floor **tower** rises at the centre of the area from where a great portion of the enclosed area can be observed. If in the wild, sighting a wolf is quite a rare and fortuitous event, it must be underlined that sighting one within the wildlife centre is not an **event to be taken for granted**. Moreover, the probability grows much more during feeding time, and in any case it is possible to come into visual contact much easier with the help of **cameras**.

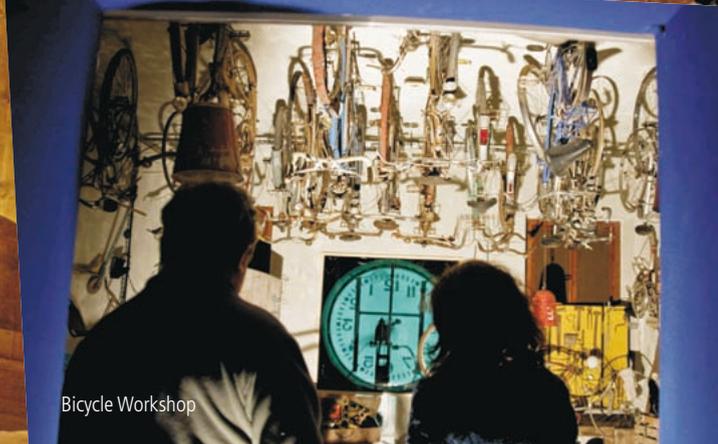
The tower is reached through a tunnel inside which a guided tour unfolds, featuring the wolf from a naturalistic point of view. Along with the fence and tunnel in the **Casermette** area, the Uomini e Lupi Wildlife Centre, located at the headquarters of the Maritime Alps Park, includes a second exhibition space in the town of **Entracque**, dedicated to the man-wolf relationship.



Mountain Refuge



Gallery of Portraits



Bicycle Workshop