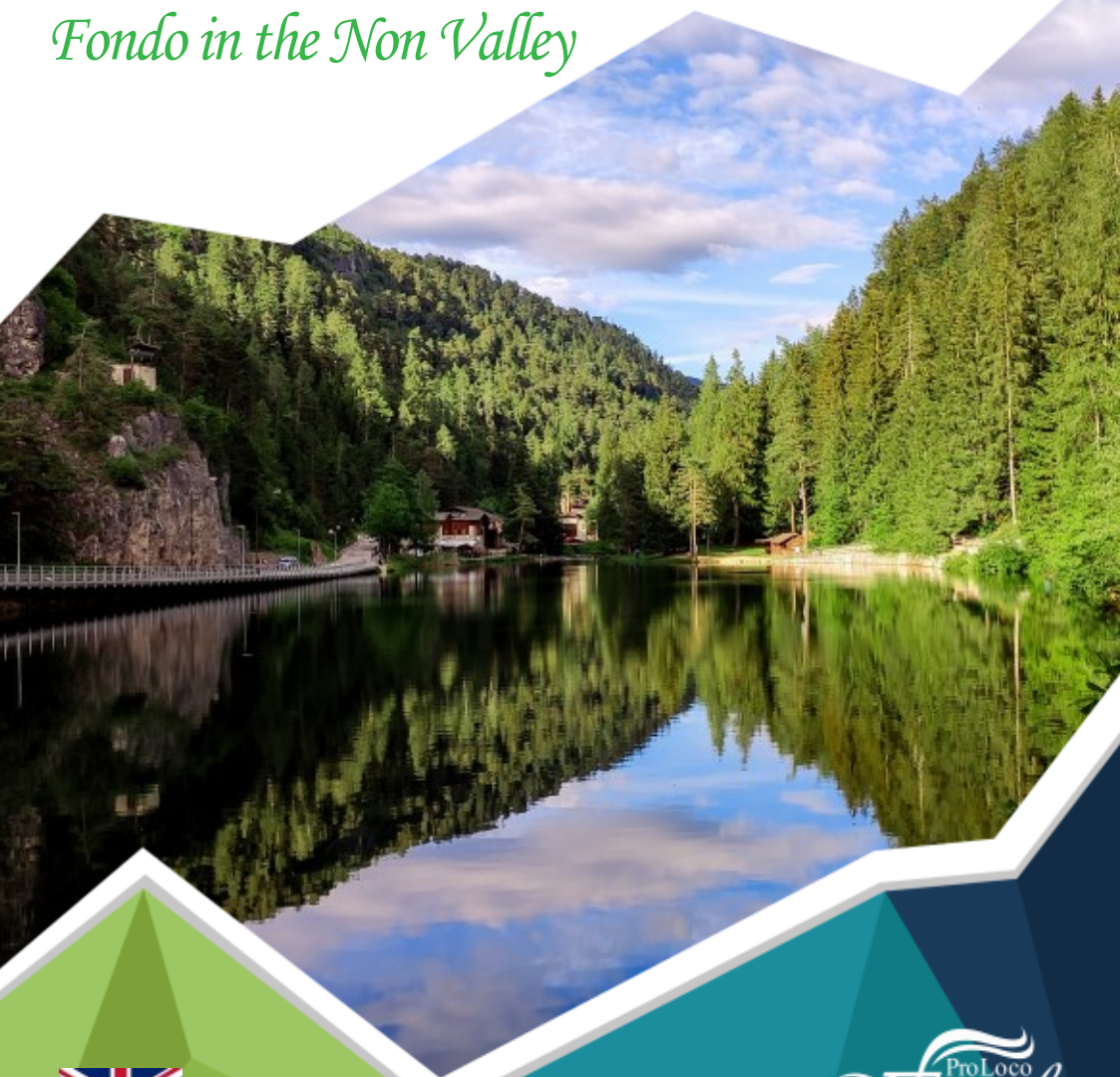


Lake Smeraldo

Fondo in the Non Valley



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The Lake Smeraldo is a beautiful lake near the village of Fondo. It's the ideal place to relax and to sunbathe, thanks to the grass banks that surround it. You can reach the lake walking along the ravine that from the centre of the town leads to it.



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Legend of symbols

|↔| Distance

🕒 Activity time

🏃 Physical effort

📏 Height difference

🚲 Suitable for mountain bikes

🛒 Feasible with stroller

👢 Suitable for snowshoes

🚗 Reachable by car

History of the lake

The lake is named after the particular colour of the water which resembles the colour of the gemstone Emerald.

The Lake Smeraldo is not so big, in fact the surface is only 10.000 m². The torrent that flows into the lake comes from the mountain that stands above it and starts from the mountain hut of Fondo.

Because of the location and the many rocks around the lake, it could look like a natural lake. Instead, it's an artificial lake that has been built in 1965.



Before the construction of the dam, the valley was full of wood sawmills.



Rio Sass torrent

The Rio Sass is the torrent that cuts the town of Fondo into two parts and that raises from the Lake Smeraldo.

This torrent is called “Sass” because it flows under a huge erratic stone into the ravine. This stone is blocked since thousands of years between the narrow rocks above the torrent. It’s possible to admire this particular stone walking through the ravine to the Lake Smeraldo.

In the opposite direction, instead, you can participate to **guided tours*** and visit the deepest part of the Canyon Rio Sass. Since 2001 it has been possible to visit this gorge thanks to footbridges and stairs anchored in the rock that follow the flow of the torrent. That way, you will discover swirling waters, waterfalls, giant’s potholes, fossils, stalactites and stalagmites.


*guided tours from the middle of April until the end of November only with reservation by Cooperativa Smeraldo

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How to reach the lake

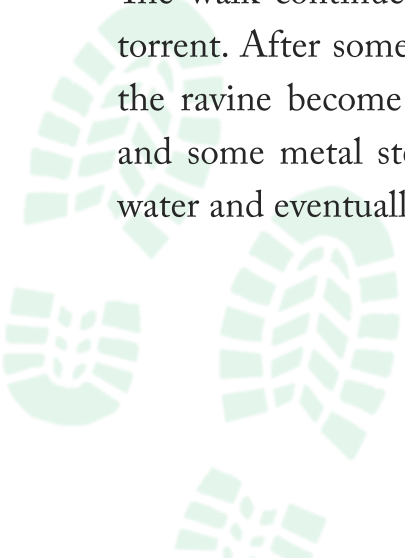
Walk along the Rio Sass ravine



An easy and charming route on the bottom of a ravine carved over the millennia by the Rio Sass torrent. This ravine connects the centre of the town Fondo to the Lake Smeraldo.

You can leave the car in the parking spot near San Giovanni Square in Fondo – Borgo d’Anauonia. Then you walk towards San Martino Church and continue down the street on the right. In a few steps you will reach the locality “Rione Gio’ a l’Aca” where, not too long ago, the women of the town used to meet and wash their clothes in an ancient washing trough.

At the beginning of the path, you will see the Bertagnolli Mill, that in summertime is also visitable inside. The walk continues into the ravine along the Rio Sass torrent. After some charming bridges, the rocky walls of the ravine become narrower and, thanks to footbridges and some metal steps, you will walk above the swirling water and eventually you will reach the Lake Smeraldo.



! Some advices:

- Walking along the Rio Sass ravine with a stroller is possible, but you have to consider that in the last part there are some steps.
- Dogs could be afraid of walking on the metal footbridges.

↔ 1 kilometre

🕒 20 - 30 minutes

🚶 easy and flat



By car



You can reach the lake also by car.

Along the street you can find parking places for cars, motorcycles and campers.

Walk around the lake



The path around the lake is a nice and easy walk suitable for everyone. It takes about fifteen minutes to walk around it, since it is less than one kilometre.

In the neighbourhood there are two restaurants, both with panoramic terraces and a beautiful view on the lake.





◀ **Passo Palade**

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◀ **Fondo**

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Via Palade



Paths that start from the lake

The Lake Smeraldo is a starting point for some interesting hikes.

Walk “Erica”

This hike is one of the most panoramic in Fondo, the beautiful view will make up for the effort made on the hike.

To reach this path the best way is to walk uphill taking the steps into the woods in front of the Hotel “Lago Smeraldo”. Following the waymark SAT number 10, in about 15 minutes you will reach the **botanic garden***.

This is the starting point of the walk “Erica”; it’s a circular path into the woods. The viewpoint is halfway through the path on the right.



This walk is called “Erica”, that means “heather”, because of the small shrubs with pink flowers growing in the undergrowth.

 3 kilometres

 1 hour and 15 minutes

 easy

 150 meters



*the botanic garden is visitable in July and August.

Ask opening times at this phone numbers.

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Walk “Bosco Certificato”



This hiking trail is a beautiful path in the woods that leads from Lake Smeraldo to the locality of "Regole di Malosco".





These woods received in 2005 an acknowledgment for sustainable forest management. Since then, the woods have been called "certified woods".

From the lake you follow upstream the torrent into the woods. The starting point of the path is situated in a timber yard where you will also find the first illustrative table. From here, walk into the woods on the right beyond the small wooden bridge. The path is marked with sixteen illustrative panels, so you can just follow the numbers. Once you reach panel number 3, take the uphill path on the right. After about an hour walk you will reach the locality “Regole di Malosco”.

This pinewood is the perfect place to relax, to sunbathe, to let children play in the open air and overall to taste traditional dishes in the three restaurants surrounding the place.

To return, you can follow the same route backwards or lengthen the path walking direction “Sedruna”. In this case you follow the paved road until you meet the waymark SAT number 508 to the town Malosco.

Once reached the small town you take the “Del Doss” street on the right and you reach the locality “Fontanelle”. Here you can follow the waymarks “Sedruna” and in 40 minutes you will return to Lake Smeraldo.

 8 kilometres 3 hours and 30 minutes medium 300 meters

Walk “Sedruna”



The path “Sedruna” is a leisurely path into the woods. From the lake you follow the narrow path upstream the torrent. You cross the torrent thanks to two bridges and after fifteen minutes you encounter a wider path. From here you walk uphill for about ten minutes until you reach an intersection, you choose the flat path on the right and arrive finally to the locality “Fontanelle”. Here you will find a picnic area with a beautiful view of the valley.

To return, you can choose between two different paths: the first reaches the lake in a short amount of time and the second leads to the center of the town Fondo following the paved road.

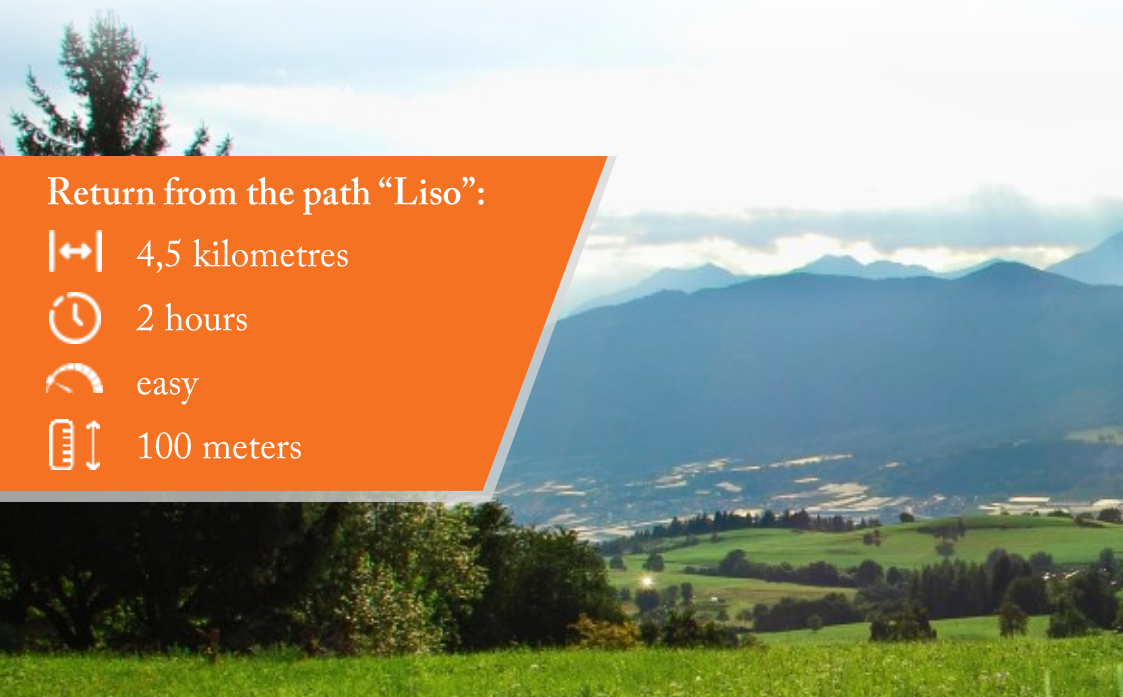
Return from the path “Liso”:

 4,5 kilometres

 2 hours

 easy

 100 meters



To reach the Lake Smeraldo you walk along the gravel path under the picnic area in direction “Liso”. Once in the woods, you walk about five minutes and then turn down to the left. In about fifteen minutes you will get to the lake.

To reach the center of the town Fondo, instead, you walk along the paved road downhill through the meadows. Then you turn right along the bike path and in ten minutes you will reach the town.



Mountain hut of Fondo



At the lake, there also is a forest road that leads to the mountain hut of Fondo. You can reach the hut by foot, by mountain bike or even by car.



The hut is located at 1488 m.a.s.l. and in summer it's open for lunchtime. The owners take care of the cattle and process the milk into butter and cheese, which can be bought locally.



The mountain hut is surrounded by pastures where cows, horses, pigs and donkeys spend their summertime. It's a family friendly place where you can relax and have a break during your hikes in the mountains.

The hut is a starting point for some very interesting hikes. In about thirty minutes you reach the Lake of Tret (1604 m.a.s.l.), in one hour the top of the Macaion mountain (1866 m.a.s.l.) and in about two hours the top of the Penegal mountain (1737 m.a.s.l.).

The forest road that leads to the mountain hut of Fondo starts one kilometre after the Lake Smeraldo and it is 7 kilometres long. By foot it takes 2,5/3 hours. The road runs along the stream and it is an alternation of flat and uphill stretches.



! Some advices:

• We recommend to use your electric mountain bike to reach the hut. If you want to rent or buy mountain bikes, you can contact the bike shop in Fondo.

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• If you want to reach the hut by car, you have to consider that the forest road is narrow and unpaved.



To reach the hut:

↔ 7 kilometres

🕒 🚶 2,5 - 3 hours

🚲 40 - 60 minutes

🚗 20 minutes

📏 400 meters



Fishing

Fishing in the Lake Smeraldo is allowed from the 1st of May until the last Sunday of October.

It's necessary to respect all the rules and to buy a fishing permit.

Points of sale for fishing permits:

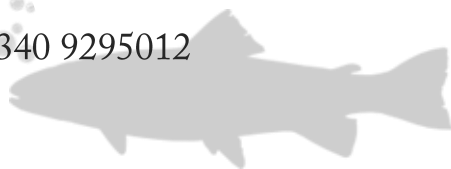
- Pizzeria „Al Folon“ at the Lake Smeraldo
- Pet store “Tom&Jerry” in Sarnonico
- Paper shop „Bazar Giornali“ in Sarnonico
- Online on the websites www.geoticket.it or www.trentinofishing.it

Fishing is allowed from one hour before the sunrise until one hour after the sunset.

If you want to rent or buy fishing equipment, you can contact the pet store in Sarnonico.

“Tom&Jerry” in „Cesare Battisti“ street, house number 4/B in Sarnonico

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For more information:

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Natural climbing wall

Not far from the Lake Smeraldo there is a natural climbing wall. The wall is called “Falesia Marino Stenico” and it is suitable for both beginners and experts.

The climbing wall offers 40 different via ferrata from 3°c to 7°c difficulty.

To reach the climbing wall, you park the car in the gravel parking spot one kilometre after the Lake Smeraldo.

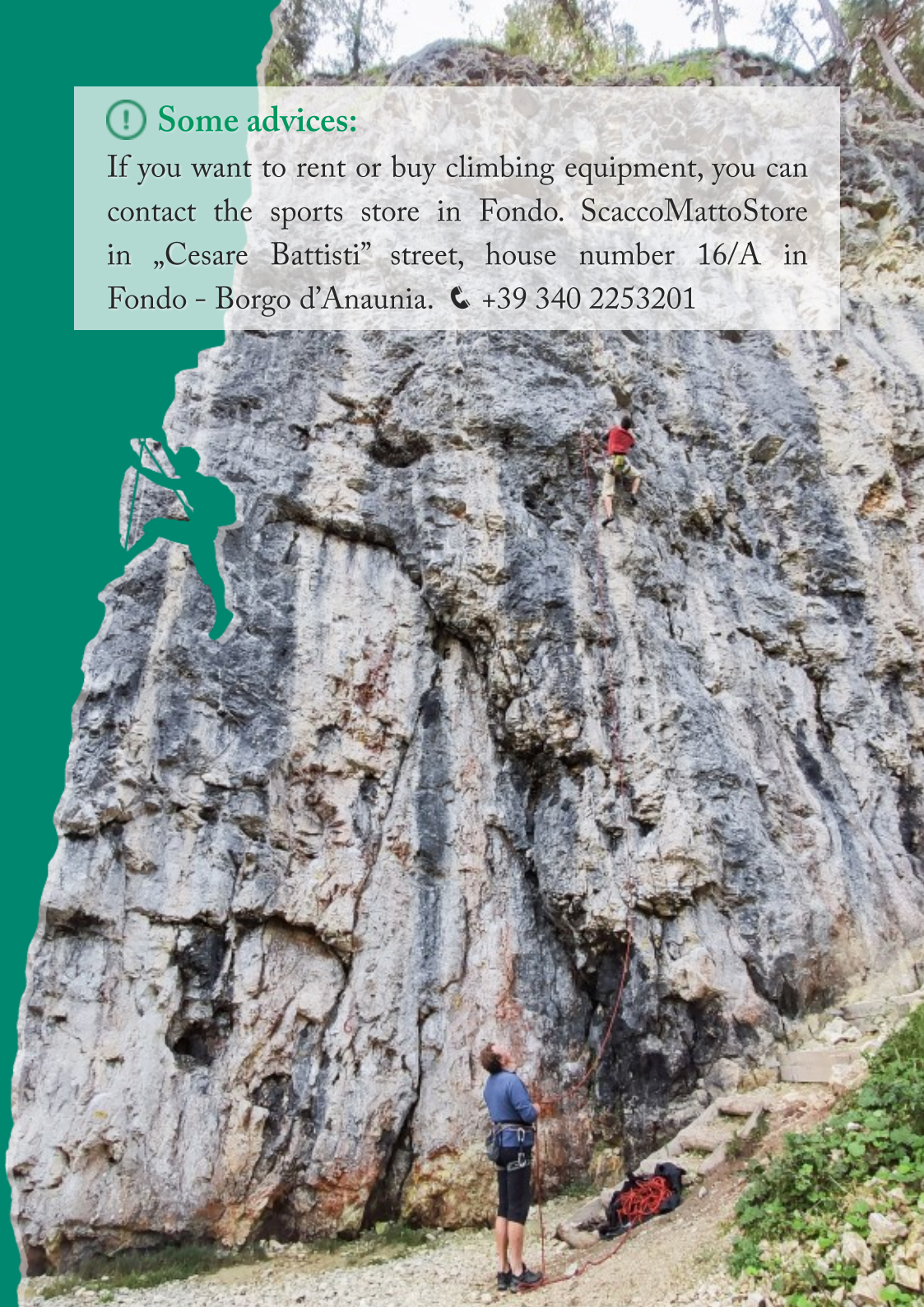
By foot, you follow the waymarks “Sedruna” and then “Falesia Marino Stenico”. In about fifteen minutes, on a narrow path into the woods you will reach the natural climbing wall.

On site there is a board with the via ferrata and a small picnic area.



⚠ Some advices:

If you want to rent or buy climbing equipment, you can contact the sports store in Fondo. ScaccoMattoStore in „Cesare Battisti” street, house number 16/A in Fondo - Borgo d'Anauia. ☎ +39 340 2253201



Wintertime

The Lake Smeraldo is a real highlight not only in summer but also in winter.

In cold winters the lake transforms into a beautiful open-air ice-skating rink. Otherwise, it's already possible to skate from November in the ice rink "**Palasmeraldo***", about 300 meters past the lake.

Even in winter you can walk from the Lake Smeraldo in the snowy woods. All you need is the appropriate equipment: if it's icy, we recommend crampons and trekking poles. On the other hand, if the landscape is snow-covered, you need **snowshoes****.

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In the surroundings



Walk "Pradiei" meadows



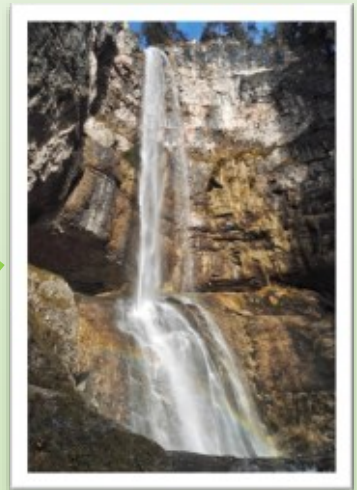
Non Valley Bike path



St. Lucia Church



Lake of Tret



Waterfall of Tret



Macaion Mountain



Aqueduct of Dovenà



Aqueduct of Dambel



Lake of Dovenà



Mondino Canyon

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