

VAL GRANDE

Rules, measures and prohibitions

for safe attendance during the COVID-19 emergency

In this tourist season, endangered by the Covid-19 health emergency, it is promoted the attendance of the Park with daily excursions, avoiding too demanding itineraries.

For excursions involving one or more stops, hikers can choose to stay overnight in one of the *refuges* (Alpe Ompio del CAI Pallanza, Piancavallone del CAI Verbano and Park Refuge of Alpe Parpinasca) which will be open, or use a tent. It is always important to remember that you are in a protected area, hence you must always respect nature. All the *bivouacs in the park* remain **closed** (Pian Vadà m. 1711, Colma di Premosello m 1728, Alpe Ragozzale m 1906, Alpe Scaredi m 1841, Bocchetta di Campo m 1994, Alpe Pian di Boit m 1122, Alpe Bondolo m 1572, Alpe in la Piana m 959, Alpe Mottac m 1690, Corte Buè m 888 "Serena Bivouac", Alpe Straolgio m 1803), being impossible to manage the sanitation of premises and services aimed at ensuring the health and safety. Please remember that the bivouac of Alpe Vald (m 1384) was destroyed by a fire.

Here below there are the **rules** and **measures** for a correct attendance.

General rules

Access to the park is not forbidden.

It is recommended to make daily excursions, from vehicle checkpoints and/or from itineraries that start outside the protected area, taking care to select paths suitable for your physical abilities and depending on travel times during the day.

It is also recommended to:

- 1) Check the paths' network that is accessible inside and outside the park on the park website (www.parcovallgrande.it/Epercorsi.php) and on the website of CAI Est Monterosa section with the cadastre of paths per sector (<http://www.estmonterosa.it/catasto-percorsi-vco-val-grande-settore-p.html>)
- 2) Check the weather and climate forecasts before departure, to avoid inconvenient and risks, given the particular conditions of the protected area, established through these measures.

In the park, **it is forbidden to:**

- Light fires outdoors
- Leave waste
- Camp free

Measures for overnight stay with a tent

The overnight stay with a tent in the park is allowed only in compliance with the following rules:

- The tent can be set up after 5.00pm and dismantled by 9.00am;
- It is forbidden to pitch the tent in wooden areas, near river beds and/or watersheds on the ridges and in mountain pastures.
- It is forbidden to pitch the tent in alpe Scaredi, to protect the wetlands (lakes of Laurasca, lake of Marmo) and in alpe La Balma, to protect the peat bogs; it is also forbidden at alpe Straolgio during the inactivation period (30 June – 30 September).
- The assembly of the tent, for overnight stays only, is allowed in the areas free from all bivouacs in the park;
- It is required to plan and book overnight stays in the municipalities of In la Piana, alpe Mottac, Pian di Boit and alpe Vald, in the indicated areas: the overnight reservations can be

made through the park website (www.parcovalgrande.it/Etende.php) that manage the areas admitted and their not exclusive rights;

- Emergency stays with a tent are allowed only for proven and attested needs;
- Stays with a tent in the CAI Piancavallone Refuge are allowed only on the watershed ridge of Cappelletta Piancavallone;
- In the areas near the park boundaries, the general and/or specific rules of the Municipalities and of rural police are in force.

Supervision

The supervision and application of these measures is carried out by the Carabinieri of the Val Grande Park.

Fines

Prohibitions in force and administrative fines

1 Prohibition of bivouacs, setting up tents, or overnight stays outside the permitted areas and allowed times.

2. Prohibition of leaving waste

3 Prohibition of lighting fires

4 Prohibition of disturbing fauna

- For violations referred to in point 1, the administrative fee ranges from a minimum of 25 to a maximum of 1,032 euros, pursuant to Article 30 of Law no. 394/91
- For violations referred to in points 2, 3 and 4, national and regional rules are in force, namely:
 - Point 2: the administrative fee ranges from 300 to 3,000 euros. Law no. 152/2006. The transgressor must restore the places and remove waste. If wastes are dangerous or special, the administrative fee is increased by one third. In case of failure to comply with this obligation, there is a crime pursuant to Article 650 of the Penal Code.
 - Point 3: the administrative fee ranges from 200 to 2,000 euros, except that the behaviour does not constitute a serious crime (forest fire) or there are the conditions of maximum forest fire hazard as defined by president of the Piedmont Region. Regional Law no. 15/2018.
 - Point 4: the administrative fee ranges from 50 to 300 euros. Regional Law no. 19/2009.