



# Pra del Rasur and the lower Gias del Vei del Bouc

Parco Naturale Alpi Marittime - Entracque



L'ingresso a Pra del Rasur (Roberto Pockaj)



*An easy, comfortable walk, entirely on a dirt road that leads to the open, flat pastures of Pra del Rasur, for hikers of all ages.*

For much of the ascent, the track passes through thick beech woods, followed by the broad, open meadows of Pra del Rasur, scarred by the traces of the floodwaters of the impetuous torrent that crosses them.

## Useful information

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Practice : Hiking

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Duration : 1 h 9

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Length : 3.5 km

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Trek ascent : 227 m

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Difficulty : Easy

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Type : Round trip

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Themes : Fauna, Flora, Geology

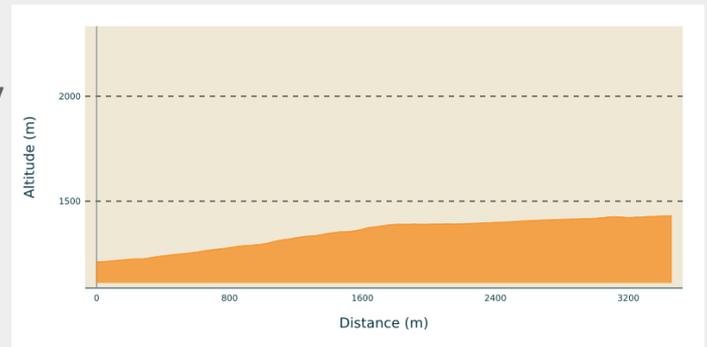
# Trek

**Departure** : San Giacomo di Entracque (1209 m)

**Arrival** : lower Gias del Vei del Bouc (1437 m)

**Cities** : 1. Entracque

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1210 m Max elevation 1431 m

A few dozen meters downvalley from San Giacomo di Entracque (1209 m), the track crosses a bridge over the Gesso della Barra torrent. Passing by the picnic grounds and the turnoff for Ponte della Rovina and Trinità di Entracque on the left, the route follows the paved road, closed to private traffic, that crosses through woods full of magnificent beeches and firs before coming to the former Royal Hunting Lodge and the Principessa Elena barracks, which now serve as lodgings for summer camps and are owned by religious groups.

Behind them (fountain), the road becomes unpaved as it penetrates the Vallone di Moncolomb, climbing up in switchbacks, still through shady beech woods. After a long tract in the woods, having passed by several secondary paths and turnoffs (mostly shortcuts), the track passes by the humble Gias dell'Aiera (1342 m, 30 minutes from San Giacomo), the point of departure of an old mule track used by Savoy hunting parties. The route continues on the unpaved road, which, when it levels off, comes to the mouth of the Pra del Rasur.

Passing by the old (and not easy to spot) mule track on the left for the Vallone Frassinetto, the track emerges from the woods and also passes by the short extension to the Gias del Rasur on the left.

The dirt track descends into the broad pasture meadow below and runs through it on the orographic right of the torrent until reaching its end at the ruins of the lower Gias del Vei del Bouc (1437 m, 40 minutes from the Gias dell'Aiera).

This is the point of departure for the trail leading to Lake del Vei del Bouc and the trail for the Federici Marchesini al Pagarì Refuge.

# On your path...



-  The former Royal Hunting Lodges (A)
-  The Pra del Rasur (C)

-  The tawny owl (B)

# All useful information

## **Is in the midst of the park**

The national park is an unrestricted natural area but subjected to regulations which must be known by all visitors.

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

Nuova Benese service company Regular line - Cuneo, Valdieri, Entracque - Tel : 00 39 (0) 171 69 29 29 - [www.benese.it](http://www.benese.it)

SNCF TER Provence Alpes-Côte d'Azur line - For traveling in the PACA region and towards Cuneo - [www.ter-sncf.com/pac](http://www.ter-sncf.com/pac)

Trenitalia for weddings in the Piedmont region- <https://www.trenitalia.com/it.html>

### Access

From Borgo San Dalmazzo drive up the Valle Gesso. After passing Valdieri, turn left for Entracque. Before entering the town, turn right for San Giacomo and then right again for San Giacomo. There is a parking fee in the summer season.

### Advised parking

San Giacomo parking - for a fee in summer

# On your path...

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## The former Royal Hunting Lodges (A)

The two large buildings, now owned by religious groups, are said to have been built between 1865 and 1870 at the behest of Vittorio Emanuele II, to be used during his sojourns in the Royal Hunting Reserve. The one on the left, with its attractive portico decorated in horizontal stripes with the colors of the House of Savoy, was the residence of the royal entourage, while the other housed the stables.

The stables were then given to the army, which expanded the building between 1897 and 1898, transforming it into the Princess Elena barracks.

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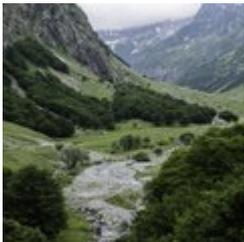


## The tawny owl (B)

Among nocturnal birds of prey, the owl plays an important role, both from an ecological point of view and in the human imagination. It is in fact one of the most widespread species and therefore responsible for controlling the populations of rodents in wooded areas. For our part, often confused with the owl due to its shrill calls, it has a typical song that anyone recognizes: the typical mournful owl song. It can be recognized from owls and owls by the color of its eyes: the iris is completely dark.

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## The Pra del Rasur (C)

The ample meadow of the Pra del Rasur was formed towards the end of the last Ice Age, when rockslides from both sides of the valley blocked the course of the torrent. The detritus carried by the torrent itself, still quite impetuous today, gradually filled up the basin that was formed, thus creating the flat area.

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