17. PATHS OF NONGOLA AND MOLIESA
VALLEY PATH
Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites

With the "Path of nongola" you go up to the village of Casso without using the paved road. It starts in the square in front of the bar "La roccia" where a park table marks the beginning: in a short time you climb up first among the trees of the thermophilic forest and then among the panoramic meadows just below Casso.

The village definitely deserves to be visited unhurriedly to discover and admire all its hidden details; the old houses, portals, narrow streets, stone roofs, the terracing surroundings tell its ancient history (the first residential area seems to be present even in the fourteenth century while a real village has existed since the sixteenth). Do not miss the new space "contemporary Dolomites", an experimental center dedicated to the contemporary culture of the mountain. Once overcome the last houses towards the west, take the "Path of Moliesa" the upper part of which coincides with the ancient Troi de Sant'Antoni, but then it divides from this latter and goes to the yards' remains of the Vajont Dam.

Along the itinerary you have different views of the dam, the entire complex of the great Vajont landslide, the Piave valley and the village of Longarone: this route is a key role to have an overview of the dynamics of the catastrophe that marked the valley in 1963.

View of Casso from the Path of Nongola
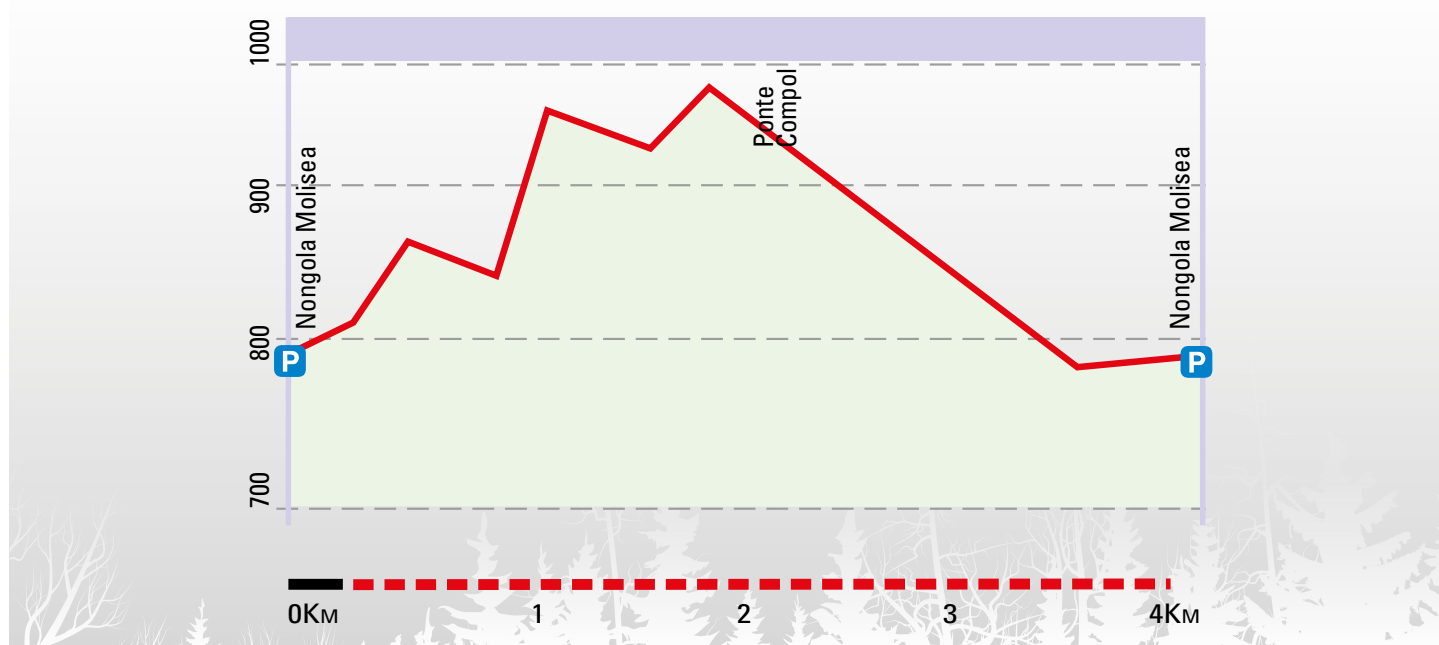

Details of Casso

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Monte Toc's landslide

Moliesa

PATH TAB

Municipality	Erto and Casso (PN)
Starting point	Square in front of the bar "La roccia" (800m), leave the car in the parking on the landslide at the beginning of the road along the lake
Arrival point	Circular route
Recommended period	April - November
Approximate walking time	3-4 hours
Peculiarities	botanical and forest (spring blooms, thermophilic woods of hornbeam and beech along the path of Moliesa) geographical and ethnographic (architectures in Casso, terracing lands and dry stone walls around the village, the centuries of history passed through these paths) geomorphological (mount Toc and the landslide, the deep gorge of Vajont).
Points of interest	The village of Casso, the yard of Vajont, viewpoints over the valley
Markers	Customized tables of the Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites on the spot.
Support points	Path near the village

PATH ELEVATION AND CAI DIRECTIONS

The Vajont Dam panorama

Owl

Butterfly