## **15. PATHOF DINT** NATURAL RESERVE OF THE CELLINA GORGE VALLEY PATHS Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites

The right start of this path, easy but of great natural and panoramic interest, is at the Visitor Center of the Natural Reserve of the Cellina gorge. From here, you go up one hundred meters on the road that follows the edge of the lake until you reach the real path.

A first ladder leads directly to the charming beech forest with clear surface karstic phenomena to the Well of Rain that is one of the most interesting examples. Further up, on top of the ridge is the Skywalk Dint, a metal walkway built on a void: the final meters are made of clear glass! The views of Barcis, on the lake and on the mountains, are really beautiful. After a first possibility of return the path continues all on top of the ridge with continuous but gentle ups and downs until the second viewpoint which dominates the Cellina gorge and the territory

of the Natural Reserve. The last section (pay particular attention to the yew trees, some of which are very old) leads to a third and final viewpoint where a metal ladder allows to go up several meters above the ground and then enjoy a view even more panoramic until the village of Andreis. The way back takes place first on the dirt road and then on the paved road back to start point. The facility of this itinerary combined with the landscape, geological and naturalistic aspects makes it particularly suitable even for those with little experience in mountain excursions, families

with children and those who have little practice (despite being a mountain environment that requires a minimal preparation). Throughout the path, you meet educational panels explaining the natural features that earned this area the recognition of Natural Reserve; among all aspects stand out the vegetation and geological ones even if also wildlife and human activities make their part. This track can be well combined with a sameday visit of the Natural Reserve along the old road of Valcellina.



Lookout



Beech forest



Cellina gorge panorama



Hellebore







PATH TAB	
Municipality	Barcis (PN)
Starting point	Visitors Center Natural Reserve of the Cellina gorge, Antoi bridge, Barcis (PN)
Arrival point	Visitors Center Natural Reserve of the Cellina gorge, Antoi bridge, Barcis (PN)
Recommended period	March - November
Approximate walking time	1-2 hours for the short tour, 2-4 hours for the full path
Peculiarities	botanical and forest (vegetation of the gorge, spring and summer bloom, forest management), geographical and ethnographic (the gorge environment, natural and anthropic landscape, the lake and the village of Barcis, view on Andreis and mount Raut group, the turquoise waters of the Cellina river), geomorphological (surface karstic phenomena, the gorge and its formation, the Carnic foothills and the Friulian Dolomites)
Points of interest	bBeech forests, the Well of Rain, Skywalk and view of the lake, the lookout over the gorge and the surrounding mountains
Markers	997
Cartography	Map Edizioni Tabacco Natural Park Friulian Dolomites; And Edizioni Tabacco #02
Support points	Visitors Center of the Natural Reserve of the Cellina gorge

## PATH ELEVATION AND CAI DIRECTIONS



Beech forest



Dam and lake of Barcis from the Skywalk



Lake of Barcis from the Skywalk





## PATH MAP

