



Val Borbera . ALESSANDRIA

RURAL MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPES AND THEIR EVOLUTIONS Val Borbera, Northern Apennines, Italy

Decennia of land abandonment have had great repercussions on the rural mountain landscapes of the Northern Apennines. Not only for their land use and biodiversity, with abandoned settlements and rewilding grasslands as last witnesses of a once dominant agro-silvo-pastoral environment; but also for the socio-cultural balance, with issues in identification processes. Small communities, with a large variety of actors, look for different strategies to 'survive' and adapt to the invading 'wilderness'. The upper part of the *Val Borbera* became part of the National Park of the Capanne di Marcarolo, a strategic choice of adaptation, promoted by local actors.



FIGURE 2.1: VIEW ON THE VILLAGES OF CARREGA LIGURE AND CONNIO, CASE STUDY 1 IN 1920 (LEFT) AND 2013 (RIGHT) (PHOTO'S: FAMILY ARCHIVE CROSETTI - R. DOSSCHE)

DESTINATIONS Val Borbera (AL), Figino and Rocchetta Ligure

DATE Wednesday July 3rd, 2019

DEPARTING TIME 7.30AM

MEETING POINT to be confirmed

DURATION approx. 12 hours (including trips)

TRANSPORT private bus

MIN. 20 MAX. 30 participants

COST € 100.00 per person

SERVICES INCLUDED transfer from/to Milan, excursion guide, lunch and afternoon break in a local farm

LUNCH Lunch-pack provided by the Congress Catering supplier

EXCURSION TYPE walking hike with a guide explanation and tours of three local farms

WALKING TIME approx.. 3.5/4 hours

TYPE OF PATH mountain path for hikers and skilled hikers, corresponding to the Italian system respectively E (excursionist) and EE (expert excursionist)

OTHER INFO elevation + 600m, 9km walk



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challenges and perspectives
for landscape ecology

CLOTHES and EQUIPMENT SUGGESTED

1.5 lt. of water
basic hiking shoes
t-shirt (that covers shoulders) and shorts
sunscreen
small backpack to put your lunch-pack in
swimsuit (optional)

EXCURSION COORDINATOR Rebekka Dossche, Roberta Cevasco

INFO & CONTACTS

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