

REGULATION

Municipal Administration:

Given that the road for the 'Colle del Sommeiller' (the highest motorable road in Europe) is a destination frequented a lot by hikers.

Considering that, due to the tourist increase, this road is regularly traveled by vehicles, and this is a cause of environmental and acoustic degradation in an area that needs to be supervised. Also, it could bring to a significant road degradation, with low sustainable costs for our municipality.

We recall the deliberate of the town Council number 16 of 05/20/2015, with whom it has been approved the municipal regulation for the choice of off-road routes, in respect of the article number 11 of the regional law, 32/82.

We are waiting for the experimental project phase, considering that July and August are the months of greater interest for hikers.

This established that the road transit of 'Rifugio Scarfiotti-Colle of Sommeiller' has been regulated as follows:

FROM JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 30

1. From 9:00 to 17:00 with a toll fee with a single daily rate of € 5,00
2. The closure of the vehicles' transit all THURSDAYS from 00:00 to 24:00

SUPERVISION

The supervision is guaranteed by the responsible bodies, aside from employee supervision officers and those who are coordinated by the Città Metropolitana di Torino. Any violation of the rules previously mentioned will be punished, according to the procedures explained by the 689/81 law "Changes to the penal system", according to the Regional Law number 32/1982 and, even if not required by it, with administrative penalties for the payment of a sum of money, as required by the article number 7 bis of legislative decree 267/2000.

RULES OF BEHAVIOUR

Those who travel along paths, mule tracks..., with every kind of vehicle or on foot, have to comply with the following rules of general character:

IT'S FORBIDDEN:

- To access to off-road routes in case of dangerous weather conditions (heavy rain, snow, fog, ...);
- To drive faster than 20 km/h; in case of cross between vehicles or people on foot, bikers or animals, the speed has to be decreased even more and, if necessary, the vehicle has to be fully stopped;
- To disturb in any way possible the wild fauna, to damage the natural habitat and to disturb the mountain-pasture activities;
- To not get in the way during the circulation of vehicles.
- To stop along the way, even in the crossing pitches, on the green, in the wooded areas, or agricultural grounds;
- To get into off-road routes out of the opening period.

IT'S REQUIRED:

- To respect, in absence of different or more strict prescriptions compared to those which are indicated into this Regulation, the road code;
- To warn your presence using, with discretion and in case of actual necessity, suitable acoustic device (horn, bell...) near curves or bumps with reduced visibility;
- To pay the utmost attention and caution, under any circumstances.

The circulation is at risk and danger of the user, who must take all the necessary precautions indicated in this regulation, and is responsible for all possible damages caused to himself, to people and things.



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STRADA DEL SOMMEILLER

THE HIGHEST ROAD IN EUROPE



"THE TITAN SLEEPS ON THURSDAY"

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HISTORY

Until 1960s, the carriage road ended in Rochemolles, in 1963 the works for the construction of the next stretch until the 3009 meters of 'Colle Sommeiller' were began and, in Summer 1965 the scenic road Bardonecchia-Sommeiller of 27 km. was inaugurated, along with the bar-restaurant 'Rifugio Ambin' on the pit and two lifts that brought skiers up to 3250 m on the glacier in the French territory of Bramans.

The high Valley of Rochemolles and the two side valleys of Almiane and Valfredda (Site of Community Interest) are areas of natural, geological and mountaineering interest.

Majestic mountains dominate the Valley, with the highest one of Bardonecchia, the elegant rock-pyramid of Pierre Menue (3506 m.), the Cresta San Michele (3252 m.), the beautiful Rognosa d'Etiache (3382 m), the Sommeiller (3333 m.), the Vallonetto (3216 m.)

On Pian du Fond (2156 m.) there's the refuge Camillo Scarfiotti, where the Valley suddenly interrupts itself before a rocky bastion from which huge waterfalls came down and the road starts to climb in tight and steep hairpin bends surrounded by rhododendron bushes at the beginning of summer, for this reason called "le rousse", up to Pian dei Monti. On the left of the last curve there is the geological pathway, interesting ring itinerary that runs in about 3 hours and allows you to know the peculiarities of this area, including dolomites and kilns. Less after it, there is the Pian dei Frati, called like that for the strange shape of the dolomitic pit located on the right of the road; the ice valley starts with the vaste plateau above and ends , in basso, in a narrow gorge on the moraine ground. The road keeps going up to a little glacial cirque of the Patarè plane, 2800 m, once home of the lake of the same name, and the bends keeps going up to the Sommeiller Hill at an altitude of 3009.

NATURE

FLORA

The pastures of the Summer are a colorful garden of each species of flowers: orchids, daffodils,, gentian major, edelweiss and, violets and blueberries.

In altitude there are moscata, genepi, saxifrage, housewives and Eritrichium.



FAUNA

Marmots, deer, chamois and ibex, the golden eagle, the white partridge and butterflies (including the precious Parnassus Apollo, a biotope from Valfredda) are easily



GEOLOGY



The left side of the valley after the Pian du Fond is characterized by the presence of calcareous, dark metamorphic rocks deriving from the sediments that covered the ocean floor of the Tethys which, up to 50 million years ago, extended among the paleocontinents of Africa and Europe. The movements of the Earth's crust have led to the collision of the continents and, instead of the vanished ocean, the Alpine chain was born.

On the left side and in all the area, from Pian dei Frati to Colle, quartzites and micaschists emerge and along the axis of the valley from Rochemolles to the Sommeiller Hill you can see a brecciated ocher-colored rock resulting from the crushing of the rocks involved in the movement.

The current landscape has been designed by the action of glaciers and by the erosion of watercourses and, through the observation of forms and deposits, it is possible to reconstruct the evolution of this area which, due to its morphological and climatic peculiarities, has been chosen as the site of study of the permafrost.

