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Location	travo
Address	Loc. Pietra Perduca
Description	<p>In a hilly landscape dominated by rounded outlines, the ophiolitic rock of Pietra Perduca emerges (659 m) as it resurfaced from the magma of the earth's crust about 250 mln years ago. It is a dark coloured rock during the day that slowly turns red at sunset.</p> <p>Pietra Perduca presents different interesting element: first of all the medieval oratory erected in the 10th century on the rock, now closed to the public but recently restored.</p> <p>It is dedicated to Sant'Anna, who as an old woman gave birth to the Virgin Mary. Inside the holy building it is preserved a rock upon which, tradition says, the handprint of the Virgin appeared.</p> <p>On top of the rock there are pools carved in stone during the prehistoric era, full of water and called "letti dei santi" (Saints' beds) where beautiful crested newts live. Every year, on Saint Anne's day, the church is opened to celebrate the Holy Mass.</p> <p>For climbing lovers, Pietra Perduca presents an excellent path for whoever wishes to approach this sport.</p>
How to get there	<p>From Piacenza follow S.S.45 Val Trebbia up to Travo.</p> <p>Then continue beyond the village toward Bobbiano and after the cemetery drive on to Pietra village. Just before the houses, close by a curve on the right, park the car and follow an easy path which takes in you in 20 minutes to the foot of Pietra Perduca.</p>
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