

Valgrande making a splash, with a new Visitor Centre in Cicogna

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Sunday 2 February will be a **special day for Cicogna** and for the Valgrande National Park; in the village, which is the “gateway” to the large area of wilderness, there are the St. Julius celebrations, and **the inauguration of the Visitor Centre**, with its new and eagerly awaited design.

Thanks also to the mild temperatures of this anomalous January, the day is expected to attract many to the village.

For the occasion, **the park and the managers of the hostel** (which is also based in Cicogna) are trying out **carpooling, to reduce the traffic** along the narrow and winding road that climbs up the mountain, crossing the gorge of the Rio Val Grande.

For the time being, the procedure is simple: **the meeting place is in Rovegno** (the village where the main road ends), **at 10 a.m.; the people will be counted, and the cars necessary to take them** up to the inauguration will set off at 11 a.m. “At weekends, in the summer, traffic can be a problem,” the hostel manager, Andrea Avogadro, explained. Not only because of the car park at the entrance to Cicogna, but also because the road is really narrow and when a vehicle going up meets one coming down, it requires occasionally complicated manoeuvres.

This is why carpooling is being tried out. For information and availability, for Sunday 2 February, please contact the Hostel “del Parco”, on 371/3571697, booking@visitvalgrande.it.

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