

The Bavona Valley

In the Bavona Valley, men have always been able to wisely adapt to an environment where nature has always been powerful. They have restored, built under rocks, and brought dirt on boulders to create lawns or to cultivate vegetables. For centuries, the people of the valley practiced transhumance by building impressive paths towards the most remote alps.

Today the Bavona Valley is situated in a context of extraordinary beauty. It is at the same time alive and an admirable testimony of a rural civilization of the past. Since 1983 it's registered in the federal inventory of landscapes, sites, and monuments of federal importance.



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Management and enhancement
of a unique valley


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The Bavona Valley Foundation and its business sectors

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Since 1990 the foundation ensures the management of an exceptional territory with the precious collaboration of the Confederation, the Canton Ticino, the City Council of Cevio, the Patriates of Caveragno and Bignasco, the Ticino Society for Art and Nature, the Swiss Heritage Society and other institutions.

The Friends Fund of the Bavona Valley

Trough the Friends Fund everyone can contribute to the enhancement of the traditional rural landscape and support the activities promoted by the Foundation for precise interventions in favour of the anthropic, cultural, landscape and naturalistic heritage. Every contribution is important. You too can become a Friend of the Bavona Valley!

Land management

To preserve such a vast and diversified territory, it is necessary that many people come and work together. The Foundation encourages and supports private individuals (landowners) and local authorities to continue mowing meadows, keep historic paths and protect traditional rural heritage. The Foundation organizes volunteer days and weeks for groups and schools. In an autonomous way or in collaboration with local authorities, the Foundation also promotes important projects to enhance the landscape.

Landscape Workshop

The Landscape Workshop has two main goals: raising awareness about the value of the traditional rural and alpine landscapes and actively involving the public. As a unique heritage, the Bavona Valley is enhanced through educational and cultural offers for the local population, schools, visitors, and other groups. The Landscape laboratory is supported by the Swiss Heritage Society and the Canton of Ticino.



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Map of the Bavona Valley

From Locarno, after having travelled through the Maggia Valley up to Caveragno, you reach the entrance of the Bavona Valley. Immediately we are confronted with very high cliffs and colossal landslides. The villages on the valley floor are inserted in this fascinating scenario.