

MUNICIPALITY OF CARAMANICO TERME

Valle dell'Orfento State Natural Reserve

Carabinieri Biodiversity Department of Pescara

SUMMARY OF REGULATION OF USE AND VISITOR RULES

PREMESSA DI RESPONSABILITÀ / LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The Municipality of Caramanico Terme and the Carabinieri Biodiversity Department of Pescara do not assume any liability for accidents, path errors, or logistical issues due to the negligence, imprudence, or incompetence of the hiker.

Hiking in wild mountain environments carries objective risks that cannot be predicted or eliminated. The group leader assumes full responsibility for their own safety and the safety of the people they accompany, undertaking to strictly respect all the rules listed in this document.

SAFETY REGULATIONS AND EQUIPMENT (SIGNAGE N1)

- **Mandatory Footwear:** It is strictly mandatory to wear hiking boots or trekking shoes with sculpted, non-slip soles (vibram style) to prevent slips and falls.
- **Prohibited Footwear:** It is strictly forbidden to access the trails wearing sandals, flip-flops, slippers, open-toed shoes, or smooth-soled city/running sneakers.
- **Weather Conditions:** Access is strongly discouraged in case of rain, thunderstorms, or thick fog. canyon trails can become extremely slippery and are subject to sudden river flooding.
- **Steep and Exposed Sections:** The canyon trails contain exposed, narrow, and steep sections, as well as areas subject to spontaneous rockfalls. Hikers must pay maximum attention.

RESERVE PROHIBITIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (LAW 394/91)

Within the State Natural Reserve (maximum protection Zone A), the following actions are strictly forbidden:

- Lighting fires, smoking, or performing any action that carries a fire risk.
- Picking, damaging, or removing plants, flowers, moss, mushrooms, or organic matter.
- Catching, disturbing, injuring, or killing wild animals.
- Introducing mechanical vehicles (including mountain bikes and bicycles).
- Overnight camping, setting up tents, or bivouacking.
- Leaving marked trails and entering the integral reserve protection zone.
- Removing rocks, minerals, fossils, or archaeological artifacts.

ABSOLUTE BATHING BAN (REGIONAL LAW 50/93)

In order to protect extremely fragile aquatic ecosystems, and specifically the reproduction habitat of the European Otter and the White-throated Dipper, it is absolutely forbidden to bathe, swim, or wade in the waterbed or walk along the banks of the Orfento River.

VIOLATIONS OF THE BATHING BAN CARRY AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OF EUR 300.00 PER PERSON.

SPECIAL DOG REGULATIONS AND MOBILE COVERAGE (SIGNAGE N3)

- Dog Access: Dogs are allowed exclusively on Trail A (Scalelle - section 'Scalelle - Ponte di Caramanico') and Trail C (L'Altra Valle), and must be kept on a short leash (<1.5m). Dogs are strictly forbidden on all other trails of the Reserve to protect wildlife.
- Mobile Network Signal: Most areas and deep gorges of the canyon have no cellular coverage or internet. It is highly recommended to memorize emergency numbers and keep this registration offline.

USEFUL EMERGENCY & RESCUE NUMBERS

- EMERGENCY SINGLE NUMBER (NUE): 112 (Alpine Rescue / Health / Carabinieri)
- RESERVE VISITOR CENTER: +39 085 922 343 (Assistance and access information)