

# Alpine Pietra Corva's Botanical Garden, the wonders of nature



The **Pietra Corva's Alpine Botanical Garden** is located in the **Oltrepò Pavese Montano** .

In fact, this wonderful garden extends on all the Monte **Pietra di Corvo** , a mountain of the Ligurian Apennines that exceeds 1000 meters on the border between the Comune of Pavia and the Comune of Piacenza, where in prehistoric times everything was covered by the Ligurian Ocean.

It is recognized as a SIC area, that is, a Site of Community Importance.

Specifically, the Botanical Garden is in the **Comune of Romagnese** , towards the **Grazzi Hamlet**.

The beauty of the place and the wealth of natural elements make it one of the major destinations of **naturalistic interest in the Oltrepò and attracts tourists from everywhere and of all ages** .

Among large conifers and beech trees, you find yourself in a labyrinth made of small paths that draw flowerbeds. And it is there that, among the rocks, you can admire countless plants, even rare ones.

The entrance path leads in front of the guesthouse with a small educational museum attached.

On the right side the surface of the garden is almost flat and hosts **numerous flowerbeds** and rockeries, **rare plants** and plants from distant places, two ponds and alpine plants.

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## Who is responsible for this splendid Alpine Botanical Garden?

The Dr. **Antonio Ridella** was a naturalist and a great botany enthusiast. In 1960 he developed the idea of creating a botanical garden in this area and decided to undertake several trips to the main **European mountain ranges** , to collect various **specimens of plants and flowers** to bring to "his" garden.

From an operational point of view, the creation of the garden was the work of **gardener Cesare Soffritti** , who set up the flowerbeds and internal paths. It was then inaugurated in 1967. It

is part of the [International Association of Alpine Botanical Gardens](#) which studies, defends and conserves the **Alpine flora** of every continent and has a Seed Catalogue, to allow an exchange of seeds with approximately 400 Botanical Gardens and Gardens around the world.