

FISHING

in the lake of

SANTA GIUSTINA

VAL DI NON - TRENTINO - ITALIEN



**FISHING IN A
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
IN VAL DI NON**

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THE FISHING ASSOCIATION

Val di Non is a valley rich in water and a lot of different types of environment, which can satisfy all the necessities of anglers; you can find the Noce river at the valley bottom end, but also medium size streams and Alpine creeks. Besides, the valley has got also a few lakes: the biggest one being Santa Giustina, which has a lot of fiords and deep coves. Downstream Santa Giustina, in a narrow valley created by the Noce River, you can find lake Mollaro; instead, moving upstream in the beauty of the Non valley, there are lake Smeraldo and lake Ruffè.

The goal of the fishing association in the past years has been to create some of the best fishing spots/fishing reserves in Trentino county, with rules aiming at protecting the wild salmonids of our rivers. Therefore, recently, some special zones/reserves have been created which are managed only by stocking rustic and high-quality fry that come from local fishing hatcheries or tributary rivers used as nurseries. Lake Santa Giustina represents one of the best spots in Trentino, with regulations aiming at protecting Marble trout, Tench, Carp and Pike.

The fishing association is also in charge of restocking other valuable species of juvenile fish, to help nature in case of loss of some generations of fishes but also to guarantee a suitable number of fish.

In the past years, one of the priorities of the Association has been the Lake Trout and the European White Fish. Ever since the instruction 92/43/CEE "Habitat" by the European Community, all the stocking of those fish have been converted to Marble trout stocking, thanks to the use of the floating cages set in the lake.

Marble trout is not only in danger of extinction, but it is also really sensitive and even hard to grow in a "normal" hatchery.

The management of our biggest both lake and resource keeps the fish species quality quite high by aiming at protecting them.

THE LAKE OF SANTA GIUSTINA





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The lake of Santa Giustina is an artificial lake due to the building of Santa Giustina dam in 1950, which blocked the Noce River natural flow. Both the lake and the dam get their names from the hermitage nearby, which can be reached on foot.

The dam working started a year after its creation and for a long time it has been the highest dam in Europe, thanks to his 152,5 meters' height. The original project was a collaboration of lots of engineers and architects, such as the famous Giò Ponti, that was in charge of designing the power station and the nearby houses of the employees, that can still be seen today.

The creation of the dam, that is still operating the 34,5 MW turbines of Taio, requested 5 years and 110,000 m³ of concrete.

Most of the buildings, such as the bridges and roads, that were inside the dam were covered by the water, during the filling process, but they can still be seen nowadays when the level of the lake drops. Some of the most famous are: the bridge "Ponte della Mula", famous for its legend; the bridge "Ponte dei Regai", that was built in the 1850; and the bridge "Ponte Alto" which was built by the ancient Romans.

The capacity of the lake is 182 million m³; it is 7 km long and its widest point is 1,5 km and it covers an area of 3,5 km².



Ponte ottocentesco sulla strada del Regai

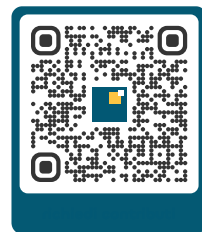


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THE LAKE IN WINTER





SPINNING FOR TROUT, PERCH PIKE AND CHUB DURING WINTER

During winter, the beautiful lake trout (*Salmo trutta lacustris*), is active in the superficial layers of the lake and its really a good target to fish with spoons, jerk and lipless, both from the shore or on a boat.

Along the steep walls of the lake and near the tributary streams, it's possible to catch big and strong Marble trouts (*Salmo trutta marmoratus*).

Deeper in the lake, it's possible to use big soft baits. On the edges, around 20-30 meters deep, you find Perches (*perca fluviatilis*).



THE LAKE IN SUMMER





SPINNING FOR TROUT, PERCH PIKE AND CHUB IN SUMMER

Summer this is the best period of the year for the lovers of top-water fishing for Perch (*perca fluviatilis*) and Chub (*Squalius cephalus*).

The best moment of the day are for sure dawn and sunset, when it's possible to catch fish using small Poppers or propellers. In the central hours of the day, fishing along the deep edges, it is possible to fish using the drop shot technique, soft baits with weighted heads and soft shads.

For the shore fisherman it's not rare to catch big lake trout by feeding on big lures up to 18-20 cm, in moments of frenzy.

From the beginning of October, it's the end of the fishing season for lake trout and trout in general, since it's the starting of the spawning season; but it's still possible to fish for perch, which are feeding really well on almost every bite.

In the recent years, the population of pikes has grown and it's quite often possible to catch big one



WHITE FISH





FISHING FOR EUROPEAN WHITE FISH (COREGONUS LAVARETUS)

The European white fish (*Coregonus lavaretus*) is a fresh water species that belongs to the major category of salmonids; the best month to catch them are between July and October. Mainly fished from the boat at a depth of 20-25 meter approximately on the banks of the villages of Revò and Banco, it is also possible to fish from the shore, using a bobber.

In the latest years the Association, in collaboration with the association of Pescatori Fersina e Alto Brenta, has stocked thousands of fries in the lake, to help the population grow.

The biggest ones caught so far are more or less 50 cm long and it is expected that more and more fish will reach the same size or a bigger one, like in other lakes in Trentino.

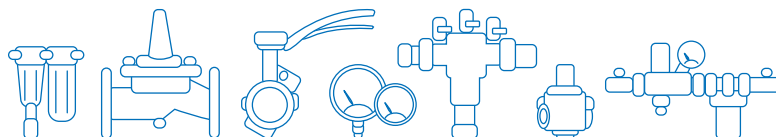
FISHING TECHNIQUES

It is possible to use a bobber both from a boat or from the shore; it is preferred to use a self-tuning bobber on the depth, due to the irregularity of the bottom ground. It is also possible to use a smaller and really sensitive rod with no bobber, but just from the boat. It is possible to use up to 5 nymphs (imitations of chironomids) and the most used colours are red, purple and black.





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CARP FISHING TECHNIQUE

Due to the particular characteristics of the lake, like the steep banks and the depth of the lake, it is quite often used the “marginal” technique.

It is recommended to pay attention to the water level, since it may change depending on rain and drought.

The carp’s fishermen are allowed to access the lake with the fishing permit and all their gear and are allowed to follow the rules of catch & release for all the fish they catch and have to provide proper treatment of the fish during the landing, unhooking and release of the fish, by using a big landing net and the unhooking mat.

If the angler has the chance to move around the lake on his boat, he will have access to many more spots which are usually not reachable on foot.

The best periods for this kind of fishing are late spring and summer, even though it is possible to get good results also during winter time.

In the lake there are different species of carp such as the common carp, the mirror carp, the full scaled carp and the leather carp; all of them extremely beautiful and strong have been entertaining generations of anglers, both local and from abroad.





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THE GROWTH





THE FLOATING CAGE

At approximately a hundred meter from the shore, on the orographic right side of the lake, under the castle of Cles are placed particular structures: the floating cages.

The project was born in 2015 following the idea of using the lake water to grow species of fish useful to restock the lake; ever since, the Pescatori Association Val di Non, has kept the project going and in the Trentino region the cages are a unique way of hatchery for fished species such as Marble trout.

The realization of the project has been supported and helped by Dolomiti Energia Company and an ichthyologist of the region; nowadays the structure is in 5 parts: one walking platform and 4 modules with mesh and a walk on the edges.



RESTOCKING THE LAKE





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The lake of Santa Giustina represents one of the major resources for the fishing association Pescatori Val di Non and their goal is to manage it the best possible way, and good feedback is being provided by the fishing fauna monitoring.

Even though natural spawning is the main input of the fish population of the lake and of the balance between the species, annually the fishing Association restock the lake with native fish. The main purpose is to help the fishing population thrive and also, in case of natural events such as losses of generations due to sudden changes in the lake water level, make up for those losses.

Yearly there are several species of fish restocked; as for salmonids, after more than 10 years of stocking lake trout and European white fish, the fish input has been fully converted to Marble trout. Otherwise, there are steady restocks of Pikes (*Esox lucius*), Perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and Eels (*Anguilla*), but also of fish such as Carp, Tench (*Tinca tinca*), the common Bleak (*Alburnus alburnus*) and the common Minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*), proving that on the lake it is possible both to catch all kinds of freshwater fish and to use all kinds of technique.







LAGO DI SANTA GIUSTINA

Esplora i canyon in kayak



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