

NATIONAL PARK · ITALY · CAMPANIA

Vesuvius

at a glance

A volcano inside a volcano above the Bay of Naples: no park fee, the crater only with an online ticket and time slot – and ten more trails up to Monte Somma.

360

QUOTA
people per hour

1,175_m

CRATER RIM
(3,855 ft), 4 km (2.5 mi) return

1995

FOUNDED

BEFORE YOU GO



Founded in 1995

Vesuvius National Park was established on 5 June 1995.



13 municipalities

The park touches 13 municipalities in the province of Naples, among them Ercolano, Torre del Greco, Ottaviano and Somma Vesuviana.



By Circumvesuviana

From Napoli Garibaldi, Circumvesuviana trains run towards Sorrento or Poggioreale.



One hour after the last entry

The visit must end no later than one hour after the last entry.



Keep right, two hours

Going up and coming down, every group keeps to the right side of the path.



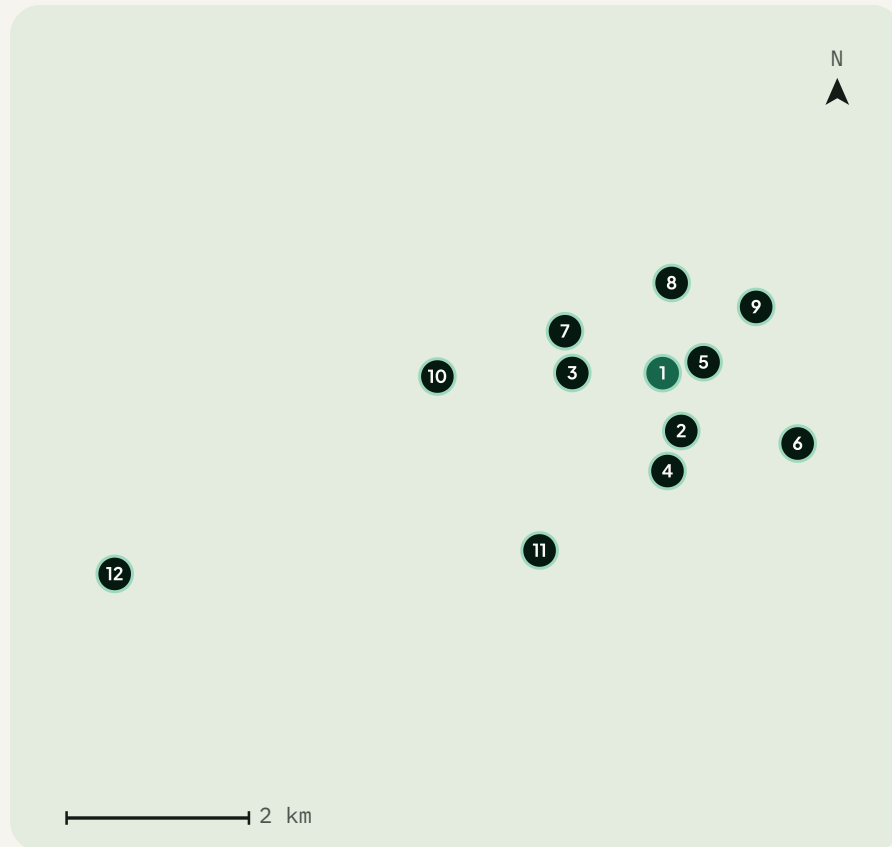
Summit closed

The upper crater rim on the north and east sides stays closed to visitors for safety and conservation reasons; only people authorised by ...



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/italy/vesuvius



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| 1 Piazzale Quota 1000 | 7 Atrio del Cavallo |
| 2 Gran Cono (Vesuvius) | 8 Punta del Nasone |
| 3 Bivio Quota 800 | 9 Cognoli di Ottaviano |
| 4 La Capannuccia | 10 Museo del Reale Osservatorio Vesuviano |
| 5 Rifugio Imbò | 11 Baracche Forestali |
| 6 Valle dell'Inferno | 12 Ercolano Scavi station |

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GRAN CONO: THE CRATER TRAIL



VALLE DELL'INFERNO



MONTE SOMMA AND PUNTA DEL NASONE

THINGS TO DO

Trail no. 5: Il Gran Cono

4,010 m (2.5 mi) return, up to 1,175 m (3,855 ft), two and a half hours, easy but steep according to the park ...

Trail no. 1: Valle dell'Inferno

12.4 km (7.7 mi), seven hours, hard because of its length: from Ottaviano through broom into the valley ...

Trail no. 6: La Strada Matrone

14.2 km (8.8 mi) on the old road built by the Matrone brothers from Trecase to the cone, on foot and by bike ...

The lichen comes first

On cooled lava the grey lichen *Stereocaulon vesuvianum* settles first; red valerian, curry plant and broom ...

[More on the park page](#)

Trail no. 9: Il Fiume di Lava

Just over a kilometre return, one hour, easy: onto the 1944 lava flow, covered with the grey lichen ...

Trail no. 3: Monte Somma

7.7 km (4.8 mi), five hours, hard, to Punta del Nasone at 1,132 m (3,714 ft).

906 plant species

The plant list of Somma-Vesuvius counts 906 species, including 23 orchids, Neapolitan maple and Italian alder.

138 bird species

2 amphibian, 8 reptile, 138 bird and 29 mammal species have been recorded, along with 44 species of butterfly.

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