

# The Julian Prealps Park and the Resartico Mine



The **Julian Prealps Natural Park**, established under **Regional Law 42/96**, includes the highest parts of the **Monti Musi** chain, the **Monte Canin** massif, and the **Monte Plauris** chain.

It is precisely on the northern slopes of the **Mount Plauris** massif, that the geological features of the area have provided a concrete reference point for the activities of an entire community for over a century, namely the **Rio Resartico Mine**, which was long one of the main sources of income for the inhabitants of Resiutta. Today, just a few ruins and tunnels dug into the mountain by hand remain as a testimony to the hard lives led by the miners.

The Park Authority's goals also include **enhancing its historical heritage** and **reviving its memory**, especially as it interacts profoundly with the natural aspects of the area.

The Resartico Mine has been recognized as a **geosite** by the **Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia** under the terms of **Regional Law 15/2016** on the protection and enhancement of the Regional geological and speleological heritage.

The mine also falls within the **Julian Alps UNESCO Man And Biosphere Reserve**, for which the park authority is the coordinating body.



 The Resartico Mine

## Visiting the Mine

The initial section of the Resartico Mine, rendered safe to visit by the Julian Prealps Natural Park, can be visited in the **warmer months of the year**. Wearing protective helmets, visitors can access a **fully equipped underground route** from the tunnel connecting the mining village to the initial section of the kilometre-long network of excavation tunnels, **reliving the history** of this place, written over the years by the hard work of the miners. Accompanied by a guide, the visit becomes even more enriching and fascinating.

