



THE CAVONE DOLINE AND CHASM – THE KARST SINKHOLE

In the territory of Spinazzola, in the locality of Murgetta, is the Cavone: a deep natural sinkhole of karst origin, a fascinating example of a funnel-shaped doline that ends in a sinkhole.

The sinkhole is about 100 meters in diameter, with slopes that plummet into a 70-meter-deep shaft. Its spectacular shapes, with sheer walls covered by the typical vegetation of the area, make the site particularly striking.

Although it is not among the deepest sinkholes in the Murgia, Cavone is one of the most easily accessible and visible from the outside, while the inside can only be visited by experienced cavers.

Countless similar sinkholes are found in the area of the Aspiring Global Geopark, representing direct accesses to the underground and water reserves. For this reason, it is essential to protect them and keep them intact in their natural features. For this purpose, the Park Authority has carried out numerous activities to recover abandoned waste in similar sinkholes, often in cooperation with the Army, for the welfare of the climate and to protect public health.

To visit the area outdoors, there are minimal environmental impact infrastructures, such as parking lots and seating, along a well-equipped trail in the Acquatetta woods.

K10 Geosite – national significance

Location: Spinazzola

Age: Late Cretaceous - Neogene - Quaternary

Interests: Geology - Stratigraphy - Karst morphology - Groundwater protection - Flora- Fauna.

