

# Via geoalpina: leg 2 refuge of pian vadà - alpe curgei

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**Utilization** Hiking

**Official itinerary** No

**Length** 8.50 km

**Tempo** 3 hours

**Stage** 2

**Ascent elevation gain** 370 m

**Descent elevation loss** 730 m

**Difficulty** Difficult Hiking

## INFORMAZIONI

**Region**

Piemonte

**Country**

Italy

**Address**

Rifugio di Pian Vadà

28812 Aurano VB

Italy

**Coordinates** POINT (8.5643  
46.04294)

**Altitude** 1703 m

**Arrival address**

Alpe Curgei  
28817 Miazzina VB  
Italy

**Arrival coordinates** POINT  
(8.51809 46.00378)

**Arrival altitude** 1350 m

**Access**

Only on foot

## **Descrizione**

From the bivouac of Pian Vadà (1711 m), go up towards Monte Zeda along trail VBAR20, which runs along the Cadorna military road up to an altitude of 1701 m and then, on a clearly visible track, it follows the ridge. At an altitude of 1701 m, after about forty minutes of walking, take trail VBAR03A, which branches to the left and cuts the south-eastern side of Monte Zeda. Follow it, gaining elevation until joining trail VBAR03 along the watershed ridge between Intrasca Valley and Val Pogallo, just before Pizzo Marona (2000 m). Follow trail VBAR03 along the ridge until you reach Pizzo Marona (2050 m), the highest point of the itinerary, and continue further downhill to get to the homonymous chapel. Continue along trail VBAR03, go down, again along the ridge, towards the southern side up to an altitude of 2006 m; go

around Cima Cugnacorta, running along the eastern side facing Intrasca Valley. You are again on the ridge at Colle della Forcola (1519 m); cross the western side of Monte Todano and, at the end of the most alpine section of the leg, you get to the pass of Pian Cavallone and the homonymous chapel (1546 m). The chapel represents an important crossroads of the trails that climb the orographic left side of Intrasca Valley and a key access to the Val Grande Park through Val Pogallo. Go on downhill along the ridge, again along trail VBAR03, until you reach the junction for trail VBAP06, at the foot of the climb that leads to Pizzo Pernice. From the ridge, take trail VBAP06 to the right, which goes down towards Cicogna (hamlet of the municipality of Cossogno and starting point of SP No. 90 Rovegro-Cicogna). After 10 minutes of slope, on a clearly visible track into a beech forest, you reach Alpe Curgei and the homonymous bivouac, managed by the Pro Loco Association of Miazzina. The bivouac, unattended and always open, provides about 8 beds, it is heated with a wood-burning stove and has a fountain in the pertinent area. For information call 0323/494101.

Alternatively, in Cappella del Pian Cavallone, you can go down along trail VBAR07 to the CAI refuge in Pian Cavallone. The facility offers about 25 beds in rooms for 4-6-8 people, refreshment area, electricity supplied by a generator. It is open every weekend, on public holidays from June to October and every day from the last week of July to the end of August. For information, call the refuge (0323 407482) or the manager, see the references on the CAI website [www.caiverbano.it](http://www.caiverbano.it)

**Public transport access** No

## **Recommended period**

Summer Fall

From June to October

**Accessible to people with disabilities** No

# Support points

Bivouac of Pian Vadà– Bivouac of Curgei

**Devotional relevance**      No

**Historical relevance**      No

## DETTAGLI

**Code**      VGP

**Classification**      Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

**Province**

Verbania

**Cell phone coverage**

Partial

**Climbing type (other)** Medium and low mountain provincial route

**Ultima data di aggiornamento** 15/12/2023

## **ALTRE INFO**

Accommodation facilities

[Alpe forna'](#)

[Piancavallone](#)

**Itinerary index** No

**Province names** Verbania