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Via Sbrinz - Via del Gries Stage 3: Ponte - Riale

Utilization

Hiking

Official itinerary

No

Length

6.70 km

Tempo

2 hours 30 minutes

Stage

3

Max altitude

1734 m

Ascent elevation gain

500 m

Descent elevation loss

50 m

Difficulty

Hiking

Informazioni

Region

Piemonte

Country

Italy

Address

Ponte

28863 Formazza VB

Italy

## Coordinates

POINT (8.42608 46.37707)

Altitude

1284 m

Arrival address

Riale  
28863 Formazza VB  
Italy

Arrival coordinates  
POINT (8.41674 46.423)  
Arrival altitude  
1734 m  
Access

A26 motorway to Gravellona Toce, then Superstrada SS33 del Sempione, exit for Valle Antigorio Formazza. After a long tunnel continue along the Stalale Road 659 of the Antigorio Formazza Valley up to Formazza and Riale

## Descrizione

This is a brief stage which allows us to visit the Formazza Strong Home and thus admire the nice examples of Walser architecture in its various rural communities.

From the Ponte city centre we cross the Toce river on the first bridge before the ENEL Power Station and follow the path marked "Good" which via nice paths takes us high above Brendo and thus becomes a track which follows up to the height of Grovella. Then the track becomes steeper and in order to get to Canza we need to go back up a ridge known as "il Cree". Having gotten to Canza we don't cross the bridge but continue up a tractor trail which coasts the river and after a while becomes a steep path which crosses one more ridge up until we arrive to Sottofrua. From here onwards we continue straight on along the wide path which brings us to the nice bridge just at the foot of the Toce Waterfall. Next to the road's hairpin bend the nice steep mule track with large steps which coasts the waterfall begins. Once at the top of the waterfall we go to the parking lot behind the historical Waterfall Hotel (Albergo della Cascata) where a road sign signals the beginning of an old mule track which passes a ridge, reaches Upper La Frua, and continues along the mountainside up until the city center of Fondo di Riale and thus Riale are reached.

Public transport access  
Yes

Railway station: Domodossola. Bus stop: Formazza Ponte, Domodossola - Cascata del Toce line (Autoservizi Comazzi Tel. 0324 240333 [www.comazzibus.com](http://www.comazzibus.com))

## Recommended period

Spring  
Summer  
Fall  
April - November

## Accessible to people with disabilities

No

## Support points

Possibility of refreshment and accommodation at Cascata del Toce

## Interest points

Casa Forte in Ponte, Walser architecture at Canza and Riale, Toce Waterfall (Cascata del Toce)

Devotional relevance

No

Historical relevance

Yes

Dettagli

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference

[ATL Distretto Turistico dei Laghi](#)

Code

VSB

Classification

Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

Province

Verbania

Cell phone coverage

Ok

Ultima data di aggiornamento  
15/12/2023

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No

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Verbania