Home
Via Sbrinz - Via del Gries Stage 3: Ponte - Riale
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
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 Supestrada 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)

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

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
Aalts dorf
Edelweiss
Rotenthal
Walser schtuba

Itinerary index
No

Province names
Verbania