Home
Grande Traversata delle Langhe in mountain bike - Leg 4B: Monesiglio - Bricco Ronchetto (Mombarcaro)
Utilization
Cycle touring
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
4.50 km

Tempo
43 minutes

Stage
4

Ascent elevation gain
380 m

Descent elevation loss
61 m

Difficulty
Very challenging (experts only)

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Monesiglio
Via Roma
12077 Monesiglio CN
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.116961 44.465667)
Altitude
370 m
Arrival address

Bricco Ronchetto
Strada Provinciale 103
12070 Mombarcaro CN

Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.10515 44.452456)
Arrival altitude
695 m
Access

By car, motorways:
A6 – Torino Savona, Marene or Carmagnola exit
A21 – Torino Piacenza, Asti Est exit
A33 – Asti Cuneo, Alba exit

By plane:
Milano Malpensa and Linate – www.sea-aeroportimilano.it
Torino Caselle – www.aeroportoditorino.it
Cuneo Levaldigi – www.aeroporto.cuneo.it

By train:
Ferrovie dello Stato: www.trenitalia.com

Descrizione

Together with the previous section, this variant of the GTL connects the Prunetto hillcrest with that of Mombarcaro and Bossolasco to create potential circuits between the various branches of the GTL itinerary.

The charming village of **Monesiglio** is laid out as a sort of wedge between the river and the escarpment with the Caldera Castle right on the edge, like a spearhead.

The rural churches are of great interest, from the solitary Romanesque Church of San Martino (now privately owned) along the steep road to Prunetto/Gottasecca to the extraordinary Church of Madonna dell'Acqua Dolce, also Romanesque and featuring a nave and two aisles as well as a number of 12th century Byzantine frescos that are some of the oldest of the entire valley.

To head back up the valley to Mombarcaro, you will need to cross the village of Monesiglio to the roundabout near the bridge over the Bormida river. Follow the highway to Mombarcaro until the crossroads for the hamlet of Bertole. Cross the stream and continue to the first houses of the hamlet. Head up towards the hill and, at the end of the asphalt, bend towards the woods to the right. This gravel road heads gradually upward as it runs along the fence of a farm and then up the hillside through a couple of switchbacks. At an evident fork in the road, keep to the left. After a flat section, the gravel road begins to climb more steeply up to the paved secondary road to the hamlet of Ronchetti. A bit further ahead on your right, you will find the highway. Follow this road to Mombarcaro at the summit of the hillcrest.

At an altitude of nearly 900 metres (2,950 ft), **Mombarcaro** is the highest of the Langhe municipalities and is known as the "Vetta delle Langhe" (Langhe Summit). The town's coat of arms features a boat (barca in Italian, which can also be seen in the name of the town) in reference to an old legend whereby it is said that, on a clear winter day, you can see the sea from here. One thing is certain: there are few places more intimately magical than Mombarcaro and few photos capture the spirit of the Langhe like the famous one of Fenoglio gazing out into the distance over the valleys below from this, the last possible hilltop.

Public transport access
Yes

Http://Www.grandabus.it/

Recommended period

Spring
Summer
Fall
March - November

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Interest points

Monesiglio : Pieve of Santa Maria dell'Acqua Dolce , Silk Museum , Castle of Monesiglio .
Mombarcaro : Old Gate and Medieval Arch , Historical-Etnographical Museum, Chapel of San Rocco.

Devotional relevance
Sì

Historical relevance
Yes

Dettagli

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference
ATL Langhe Monferrato Roero

Code
GTN

Classification
Provincial

Province
Cuneo

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15/12/2023

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