

# The Anello delle Valli Valdesi (AVV) Trail Stage 2: Alpe Vandalino - Colle Vaccera

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**Utilization** Hiking

**Official itinerary** No

**Lenght** 15.80 km

**Tempo** 4 hours 10 minutes

**Stage** 2

**Max altitude** 1778 m

**Ascent elevation gain** 571 m

**Descent elevation loss** 948 m

**Difficulty** Hiking

## INFORMAZIONI

**Region**

Piemonte

**Country**

Italy

**Address**

Alpe Vandalino  
10066 Torre Pellice TO  
Italy

## **Coordinates** POINT

(7.17597 44.84098)

**Altitude** 1778 m

## **Arrival address**

Colle Vaccera  
10060 Angrogna TO  
Italy

## **Arrival coordinates** POINT

(7.20314 44.87574)

**Arrival altitude** 1465 m

## **Access**

E' possibile raggiungere con i propri mezzi la località Prà del Torno oppure il Colle Vaccera

## **Descrizione**

This stage is interesting from a historical and environmental perspective, as it takes in one of the most atmospheric areas of the Waldensian Valleys. The route passes through a number of sites of significant historical interest. In addition, it is linked to events that took place during the period of The Italian Resistance: The Tempio di Pradeltorno, the remains of Collegio dei Barba (used probably for religious training), and the ruins of the ancient dwellings of Barma Monastira and Barma dl'Ours (*Barma* being an ancient shelter or dwelling usually built into the rock).

From the Alpe Vandalino descend towards Sea di Torre, and follow signs for "Agriturismo Barfè", trail marker 140A, to reach Prato Stella (1294m). Then take path 140. The trail continues across flat alpine pastures above the treeline overlooking Val d'Angrogna, passing a number of " *cumbals* " (undulations caused by runoff streams) and some *foresti* (tracts of abandoned wood): Cialaroccia (1336m) and Sapè (1390m) to reach Embergeria (1381m), a small, still active mountain pasture, and intersection with path 138A which leads to Rifugio "Al Sap" in about 20 min.

From Embergeria head down into the woods passing by the small hamlet of Ramà and the locality of Palai, theatre of events linked to the persecution of the Waldensians and the Italian Resistance, to reach the Lausa bridge (970m) which crosses the Angrogna stream. From here, follow the road along the valley bottom until you reach the town of Pradeltorino (1000m), a refuge of last resort during the period of the Waldensian persecutions from the 15th century to the 17th century. Continue on to the Tempio Valdese built in 1876 and the "Collegio dei Barba", where a traditional sixteenth century "*schola*" (school) has been reconstructed, in which itinerant Waldensian preachers (called "*barbi*" in local dialect) sought refuge in order to study theological texts in secret. Continuing on, you reach the forest track, Trail 141, which passes through the hamlet of Fau, set against a huge rock. Continue along a path that passes the farm settlement Turle (1150m), to reach a rock from which you can enjoy a beautiful view and which leads rapidly to the houses of Barma Monastira, built in the shelter of a large rock. The path enters the woods and reaches the ancient dwelling known as *Barma dl'Ours* (1183m), which in 1944 was used by partisan groups belonging to the resistance movement *Giustizia e Libertà* (Justice and Liberty) as a clandestine printing office. From here follow the signs for *sentieri partigiani* (Partisans' trails) towards Bagnau until you reach the "Ca d'la Pais" (1422m), a structure that was bombed in January 1944 by the Nazi-Fascists during an operation to combat partisan activities. Forty years

later, it was rebuilt by the Waldensian community of Angrogna to transform it into a meeting place, dedicated to peace and reconciliation among peoples. From here a dirt road, signposted 150 A, leads shortly to Colle della Vaccera (1465m).

**Public transport access** Yes

Prà del Torno, Angrogna (983m) : punto di attestazione veicolare, fermata bus autolinea comunale, area pic nic.

## **Recommended period**

Spring Summer Fall

Si consiglia di percorrere la tappa tra la primavera e l'autunno, in quanto alcuni passaggi possono risultare impegnativi (es. Bars d'la Tajola) e di evitare i periodi piovosi

**Accessible to people with disabilities** No

## **Support points**

Rifugio Jumarre, Rifugio vaccera, Agriturismo Monte Servin, Bivacco Alpe Vandalino, Agriturismo Barfè

## **Interest points**

Tempio di Pradeltorno, Collegio dei Barba, Barma Monastira, Barma dl'Ours, Ca d'la Pais, Colle Vaccera

**Devotional relevance** No

**Historical relevance** Yes

# DETTAGLI

**Code**      AVV

**Classification**      Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

**Province**

Torino

**Cell phone coverage**

Wind : 80% di copertura

vodafone : 66% di copertura

tim : 60% di copertura

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

## ALTRE INFO

Accommodation facilities

[Monte servin](#)

**Itinerary index** No

**Province names** Torino