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Via geoalpina: leg 3 alpe curgei - alpe pian di boit
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
10.70 km

Tempo
4 hours 15 minutes

Stage
3

Ascent elevation gain
675 m

Descent elevation loss
885 m

Difficulty
Hiking

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Alpe Curgei
28817 Miazzina VB
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.51809 46.00378)
Altitude
1350 m
Arrival address

Alpe Pian di Boit
28817 Miazzina VB
Italy

Arrival coordinates

POINT (8.51235 46.05151)
Arrival altitude
1128 m
Access

Only on foot

Descrizione

From the bivouac of Alpe Curgei, go down towards Cicogna along trail VBAP06, a track that is not always visible. From Curgei, at an altitude of 1338 m, to Varola, at an altitude of 921 m, the trail runs along the ridge that closes the ancient glacial formation of the Fornale of Val Pobbiè to the south-west, moving mainly through the beech forest and crossing pastures and mowed meadows that once opened around mountain pasture lands and short fallow meadows, which have now become wild and disappear, populated by fern, broom and birch. From Varola, the trail descends again along the ridge to an altitude of about 750 m, then it turns left southwards and reaches, with an easy crossing, Corte di Premiago (695 m). From here, along a steep mule track, you lose altitude in a natural watershed and, after going past a hump, you reach the gorge of the Pogallo stream, which you cross at the Ponte della Buia (463 m). Beyond the bridge, the trail climbs up steeply on a mule track that preserves, for long sections, the ancient stepped cobblestones and reaches, a little downstream of the village of Cicogna, trail VBP00 that climbs up to the gorge of the Pogallo stream, from Cicogna to Pogallo. Take trail VBP00 to the right, towards Pogallo, along the majestic Sutermeister road, a historic stone-paved road, which runs high above the stream on the western side of the valley, passing a lot of small valleys, gullies and ravines, supported by dry stone walls and, in some sections, cantilevered on the gorge. With the continuous up and down of about 150 m, in an hour and a half you can reach the wide meadow of Pogallo. After crossing the meadow, before reaching the village, follow trail VBAP12 to the right along the edge of the meadow until you take the stone mule track that, hidden by the forest, goes down steeply towards the gorge of the Ghina stream you can cross on a stone bridge. The trail goes up alternating orographic left and right sections, crossing the pastures of C.le dei Galli, Alpe Preda di Qua and Alpe Preda di Là, up to Alpe Pian di Boit (1128 m), where the homonymous bivouac of the Park is located, which concludes the leg of the itinerary. The bivouac, unattended and always open, provides about 8 beds on wood flooring in the area below the roof, it is heated with a fireplace and has a water fountain in the pertinent area. For information, please call the Park Authority at 0324/87540.

Public transport access
No

Recommended period

Spring
Summer
Fall
From May to October

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Support points

Bivouac of Curgei– Hostel in Cicogna – Bivouac of Pian di Boit

Interest points

Between Cicogna and Pogallo the itinerary is equipped with didactic panels dealing with geological and naturalistic themes. The geological route, known as the “Pogallo Line”, represents a deeper exploration of the “Via GeoAlpina”. The route follows the Sutermeister Trail and mostly develops within metamorphic rocks of the geological unit called Strona-Ceneri area. It consists of two types of paragneiss, metamorphic rocks of sedimentary origin: the Gneiss Minuti (stop 1) and the Gneiss Ceneri (stop 2), both with Cambrian deposition age. They are interspersed with orthogneiss lenses (stop 3) deriving from granites intruded in the Ordovician period. All these rocks were transformed, around 340 million years ago, by the metamorphism associated with the Hercynian orogenesis when they descended to depths of at least 20 km and were affected by temperatures above 500° C. In the following Permian period (270 Mya) a strong magmatic activity led to the infiltration of granites into these formations, which were not involved in the events that later (about 90 Mya) led to the formation of the Alps. After crossing the wooden walkway (stop 4) the mylonites emerge: they are rocks produced by friction during the movement that took place along the Pogallo fault. In the last section before Pogallo, you cross kinzigiti (stop 5), rocks which are also metamorphic, nevertheless they do not belong to the “Serie dei Laghi”, but to the adjacent Ivrea-Verbano area.

Devotional relevance
: No

Historical relevance
: No

Dettagli

Code
: VGP

Classification
: Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

Province
: Verbania

Cell phone coverage

: Partial/Not available

Climbing type (other)
Medium and low mountain provincial route

Ultima data di aggiornamento
15/12/2023

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
Ostello del parco cicogna
Ca' del pitur
Azienda agrituristica corte merina

Itinerary index
No

Province names
Verbania