

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

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**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 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

## **ALTRE INFO**

Accommodation facilities

[Aalts dorf](#)

[Edelweiss](#)

[Rotenthal](#)

[Walser schtuba](#)

**Itinerary index** No

**Province names** Verbania