Home
GTL - Grande Traversata delle Langhe - Leg 15A: Cravanzana - Torre Bormida
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
2.80 km

Tempo
45 minutes

Stage
15

Ascent elevation gain
241 m

Descent elevation loss
54 m

Difficulty
Hiking

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Torre Bormida
Via Umberto Maddalena
12050 Torre Bormida CN
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.151556 44.564222)
Altitude
385 m
Arrival address

Cravanzana
Via Costavita
12050 Cravanzana CN

Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.125836 44.5749)
Arrival altitude
570 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

A variation of the GTL, this route is an ideal continuation of section Bergolo - Torre Bormida to complete the shift between the Bergolo and Cravanzana hillcrests. It is an uphill route and runs through many hazelnut groves, which are common up here. Together with the next section, which is downhill, it creates a circuit entirely dedicated to the hazelnut.

The itinerary starts in **Torre Bormida**, a village situated on the hillside overlooking the river. A single street runs through town to the church square, with the homes arranged in a circle below it. Beyond the original part of the village and nearby cemetery, in the woods to the east, there are the remains of the castle, which shows how old this place is both in its defensive position and for the crossing of trading routes that were controlled here over the centuries.

But what makes this village particularly interesting is its rural architecture, which you can discover by wandering here and there along the dry-stone walls, that have terraced the southern slope over the centuries in order to carve out a bit of cultivated land in this impossibly steep valley. Alongside the dry-stone walls there are the farmhouses, situated in such a way as to take advantage of the sun and the wind, built out wood and stone with very few brick inlays. You will also find wells, drying structures (such as the amazing circular one at the crossroads down in the valley), stalls, storage sheds, tuff cellars and wood balconies in an infinite interplay of technique and need, wisdom and innovation, which has made this valley an open-air museum of Langa stone and of the age-old dignity in poverty of its inhabitants.

From the main highway, follow the signs for Villaretti and head uphill for a few dozen metres. Near a characteristically rounded wall, turn right onto a dirt road that rises up into the woods. This was the old route that united Torre Bormida and Cravanzana along the Valroggero, as evidenced by the retaining wall and shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

When you have passed the water basin and are approaching a farmhouse, continue along the dirt road that heads along the flat into the woods. At the first fork in the road, head up to the left along a dry-stone wall, then continue along the flat at the next fork through a degraded section of woods. Cross a small stream and, after a final flat section, the trail turns to rocks and features furrows cut by the water of a number of springs. Head up until you reach a cement road, then in a few dozen metres you will come out on the crest of the hill near a wayside shrine and the more recent (and more monumental) entrance to Cascina Ferrera, where there is one of the Alta Langa's largest hazelnut groves. In the distance, you can see the town of Cravanzana and its impressive castle. Continue to the left along the paved road that crosses the hazelnut grove towards the town, where you will soon reach the town hall.

Public transport access
Yes

Http://Www.grandabus.it/Tpl_orari.asp

Recommended period

Spring
Summer
Fall
March - November

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Interest points

Cravanzana : Fontana Castle. Torre Bormida: Fortifications

Devotional relevance
No

Historical relevance
No

Dettagli

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference
ATL Langhe Monferrato Roero

Code
GTL

Classification

Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

Province
Cuneo

Ultima data di aggiornamento
12/11/2024

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
La bertorella
La costa
Le coccinelle
Nuovo secolo
Cascina prato
Da pinina
Del mercato da maurizio
Locanda degli sfizi
Tappe
Variant
A

Itinerary index
No

Province names
Cuneo