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Sentiero delle Fortificazioni
Utilization
Hiking
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
66.71 km

Tempo
4 days

Stage
0

Max altitude
2937 m

Ascent elevation gain
3665 m

Descent elevation loss
4760 m

Difficulty
Difficult Hiking

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Rifugio Carmagnola
Comune di Acceglio, valle di Traversiera
12021 Acceglio CN
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (6.945383 44.5487)
Altitude
2840 m
Arrival address

Santuario di San Magno
Comune di Castelmagno
12020 Castelmagno CN
Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (7.1709 44.400567)
Arrival altitude
1764 m

Descrizione

The "Sentiero delle Fortificazioni" (Fortifications path) is a route of about 60 km that develops between the high Maira and Grana valleys and that allows you to admire numerous fortifications which were built for defence purposes. Walking along this route feels like taking a leap into the past, taking breaks to get a closer look at the remains of barracks, casemates, bunkers and hiking paths and via ferratas ("iron path" - protected climbing route) built by soldiers on these mountains. An acute observer will certainly wonder about the huge difficulty of building these artifacts, given the precariousness of the means and techniques, the rather hostile environment, especially in the winter months and the distance from communication routes. The roads once connecting the hand-built defensive works along the rocks and the rocky slopes have today partly collapsed. However, the sections of dry stone walls and rough pavement that still survive testify to the great expertise of those who worked on the realization of what is known nowadays as the "Vallo Alpino" (Alpine Wall), the most ambitious fortified system to defend Italy's borders. The most relevant aspect of what is left is the majesty of the natural environment that you will cross; the place that best sums up these characteristics is the Plateau of the Gardetta, a border area between Italy and France, but also between the Maira, Grana and Stura valleys. To this very day, a walk here is like a trip back in time: from the remains of the ancient "trune" (bivouac shelters in snow) of the '700, to the various Baraccamenti (group of barracks for troop accommodation) of Bandia and of Lake Meja, up to the bunkers and casemates that peep out among the pastures and rocky slopes with white and round rooftops built in anticipation of the Second World War.
The possibilities of accommodation are provided by the mountain huts that you meet along the route or by the bivouacs (Bonelli, Valmaggia, Enrico Mario, Due Valli, Fauniera) where, however, you need to be self-sufficient. Along the itinerary there are no facilities (shops, bus stops…).

Public transport access
Yes

Recommended period

Summer
Fall

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Interest points

Numerose fortificazioni realizzate in epoca militare a scopo di difesa, Santuario di San Magno.

Devotional relevance
No

Historical relevance
Yes

Dettagli

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference
ATL del Cuneese - valli alpine e città d'arte

Code
SFO

Classification
Provincial - High altitude

Province
Cuneo

Approach time
4 hours

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Accommodation facilities
Le cascate

Itinerary index
Yes

Province names
Cuneo