



Sentiero Grigne - Trofeo Scaccabarozzi

Course

The following is a description of the course based on the time an expert, fit hiker would take. From the Piazza in Pasturo (650m), along the Via San Calimero, take the track marked 33, ignoring any lateral offshoots and continue to the Maria Regina Pacis Chapel.

At the next fork bear left and proceed through a long stretch of woodland until reaching a mule track which ascends to the Colle Balisio. On reaching the fork with the Traversata Bassa path, follow it in the Piani Resinelli direction, reached after a long but easy walk (3 - 4 hours from Pasturo).

Leaving the SEM Cavalletti Hut (1,354m) behind, head for the Alippi Hut at the foot of the southwestern Grignetta. From here, following the Foppe path, the Rosalba Hut (1,730m) is reached after two and a half hours' walk. This is the heart of the Grignetta where generations of mountaineers have climbed; a bizarre outline of steeples and spires offer a breathtaking spectacle including views of the lake below.

The stretch along the Cecilia path is not easy, summiting on the Cermenati Crest followed soon after by the summit of the Southern Grigna (2,177m), an hour and a half from the Rosalba Hut. From the summit, the descent down the south face is with the aid of a chain, to the Canalino Federazione gully. Care should be taken on this descent down to the Buco di Grigna (or Bocchetta di Campione), from where, bearing left, the descent is towards the Elisa Hut (1,518m), one and a half hours from the summit.

A beautiful path, in some places equipped with chains or ropes, leads to a gulley between the Sasso dei Carbonari and the Sasso Cavallo (Val Cassina), historic cliffs overlooking Lake Como, continuing on the Bietti Hut (1,715m). The next stage is the Bogani Hut (1,822m) on the south side of the Grignone, where, with an hour's walk from the Bietti Hut, the climb towards the Southern Grigna (2,409m) begins, requiring about two and half hours' walk.

The Brioschi Hut just below the summit, appears like a pleasant mirage after many hours of walking. Passing first by the Bocchetta di Releccio and then the Bocchetta della Bassa, the descent is by the long steep Eastern face of the Grignone, until reaching the Pialeral Hut (1,320m). Now, facing north and with a long, slightly uphill stretch, the small San Calimero Church (1,499m) set in a splendid landscape, is reached. The descent continues to the Riva Hut (1,020m) and from here, back to Pasturo where the splendid Grigne trek ends.