

Ferrata Marino Bianchi




AREA

Dolomites – Cristallo

PEAK

Cristallo di Mezzo

FACE

Northwest crest

ALTITUDE

3163m

DIFFICULTY

Medium

TIME

4 hours

BEAUTY

3

DESCRIPTION OF DIFFICULTY

The “Marino Bianchi” is a highly popular, classic mid-grade ferrata. Due care and attention is required as snow and ice may still be found even in mid-summer given the altitude and direction it faces. Care is also required when encountering other groups since the line of descent is the same as for the ascent.

TOTAL ASCENT

480

FERRATA ASCENT

240

PERIOD

From the end of May to October, depending on snow conditions.

POPULARITY

High

GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit. Take winter gear at the start of the season.



the same line.

GETTING THERE

From Cortina take the SS 48 towards Passo Tre Croci to Capanna Rio Gere and



park at the start of the Sonforca chairlift (1698m), located beneath Mt. Cristallo.

ACCESS

Take the chairlift to Rif. Sonforca and continue in gondolas to Forcella Staunies

gully to a col which acts as the watershed between two steep gullies.

The environment is harsh and attention is required as snow and ice may be found here due to the altitude and direction. Ascend once more, up ladders past two vertical walls and a series of ledges, to arrive at the ferrata's hardest section: a smooth overhanging crack, about 10m in length.

Once past this tiring crux section, which demands a careful ascent up the fixed cables, continue more easily along the crest. Level at first, the path finishes up stepped terrain to beneath the summit cairn and the panoramic Cristallo di Mezzo (3163).

DESCENT

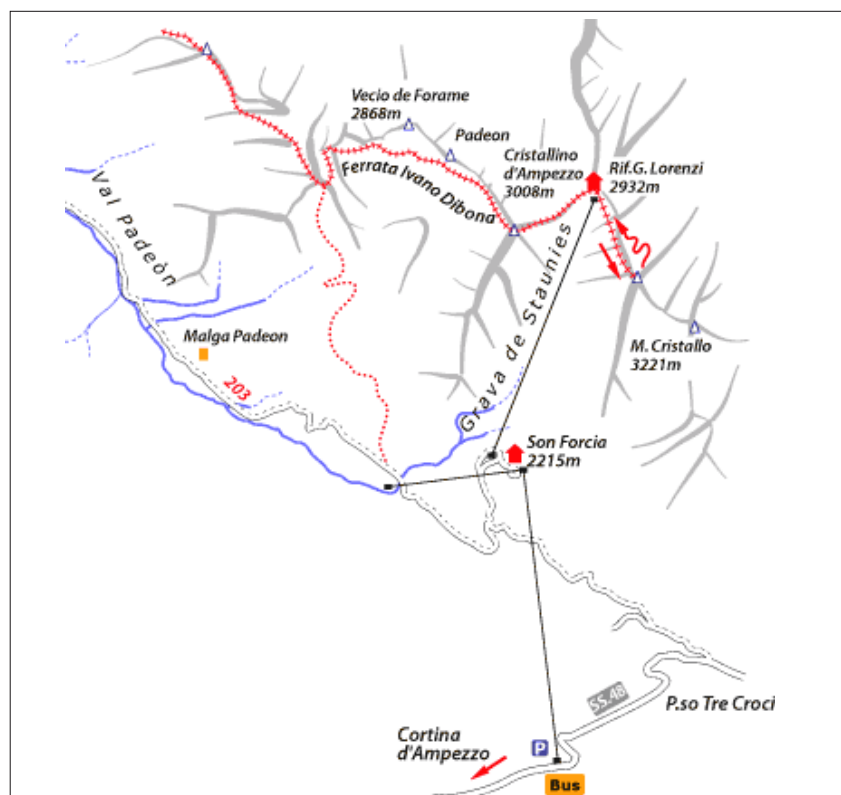
Descend along the line of ascent back down to Rifugio Guido Lorenzi.

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LINKS

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<http://www.planetmountain.com>
<http://www.guidecortina.com>



INTRODUCTION

This short but panoramic itinerary follows the crest which, at 3000m, runs from Forcella Staunies to the summit of Cristallo di Mezzo. Equipped with cables and ladders, the highly popular “Marino Bianchi” is ascended and descended along

(2919m). From the top of the lift walk to Rif. Guido Lorenzi (2932m), from where the first cables mark the start of the ferrata.

ASCENT

The first cables lead up to the NE crest to then traverse beneath the Cima Nord. It then descends slightly to a narrow