

AREA

Dolomites– Lagazuoi - Fanes

FACE

Southeast, Northeast

DIFFICULTY

Difficult

TIME

4 - 4,30 hours

BEAUTY

4

NOTES

Beware of falling ice from overhead.

ASCENT

200 m

DESCENT

200 m

POPULARITY

Medium

GEAR

Normal equipment for winter walking, snowshoes, poles, ice axe, crampons and via ferrata kit with harness, carabiners, helmet and slings.

INTRODUCTION

A 90m high waterfall marks the entrance to the Valle di Fanes. This is the highest in the Dolomites and in winter the ice freezes all the way down to the base. The surroundings are truly spectacular and this beautiful round-trip finishes off beneath the so-called 'giro di boa', directly below the frozen waterfall. Definitely something not to be missed!

GETTING THERE

From Cortina take the SS 51 towards Fiammes.

ACCESS

Drive through Fiammes and park on the left after a couple of kilometers at the hair-pin bend.

DESCRIPTION

The itinerary starts immediately after the car park on the obvious path that leads SW down to the bridge and the cross-country piste. Walk along this towards Pian de Loa and the hut. Leave "Ru de Fanes" to your left and the rocky Monte Taburlo walls to your right and follow signs for "Cascata de Fanes". Reach a panoramic viewpoint with wooden table and benches and take in the spectacular view onto the Fanes waterfall. The itinerary becomes slightly more difficult at this point, for immediately after the rest a steep, narrow gully leads down to the riverbed. At the height of the river walk upstream to the canyon, eroded by the water over millions of years. A few difficult sections lead into the canyon proper and beneath the waterfall - through a tunnel between the water and the rocks! Ice forms everywhere here, rendering the setting even more spectacular. After the tunnel continue along an exposed ledge, protected by a metal cable, to the other side of the

ravine and a table and benches. Rest here for a while and enjoy the view before returning along the road that descends from Val di Fanes down to Pian de Loa and the path used earlier on in the day.

RETURN

This round trip starts and finishes at the car park close to Fiammes.

LINKS

<http://cortina.dolomiti.org>

<http://www.planetmountain.com>

<http://www.guidecortina.com>

