

AREA

Dolomites– Cristallo - Faloria

FACE

Northeast

DIFFICULTY

Medium

TIME

3 - 3,30 hours

BEAUTY

3

NOTES

No obvious danger. Take care not to lose the path.

ASCENT

200 m

DESCENT

400 m

POPULARITY

Low

GEAR

Normal equipment for winter walking, snowshoes and poles. Binoculars recommended.

INTRODUCTION

This long traverse leads from Passo Tre Croci through fir and larch trees to the solitary kingdom of Sorapis.

GETTING THERE

From Cortina drive to Passo Tre Croci along the SS48.

ACCESS

From Passo Tre Croci descend towards Misurina - Auronzo for 1 Km to a left-hand curve (Busc de ra Bartòia) where the itinerary starts. Park the car 200 m further on. Take a second car to Hotel Cristallo at Federe Vecchia, situated on the SS48 for Auronzo.

DESCRIPTION

From "Busc de ra Bartòia" (1722m) take path no. 209 for Valbona and walk down to a clearing to then turn off right into a thick forest of fir and larch trees. Keep right to reach a small bridge and then follow the obvious small road that leads tiringly up to Col Cuco. Continue E and walk through a sparse copse of young fir –trees: the rocky walls of Cima di Marcuoira (2422m) now come into view. Descend right to reach another road with markers on the trees. The view from here is beautiful and vast: Sorapis stretches out in its entirety on the right, the wild Marmarole dominate the view straight ahead, while the magnificent and lush Somadida forest extends below. The needle forest, composed primarily of larch, fir and pine, slowly transforms to predominantly broad-leaves such as the humidity-seeking birch. Continue to a hut and on quickly down to an enormous clearing with some typical huts. Shortly after reach the end of the itinerary at Federa Vecchia (1368m) and the second car left here earlier on in the

day.

RETURN

Retrun from Hotel Cristallo at Federe Vecchia along the SS48 to the start at Busc de ra Bartòia.

LINKS

<http://cortina.dolomiti.org>

<http://www.planetmountain.com>

<http://www.guidecortina.com>

