

AREA

Dolomites - Fanis

PEAK

Furcia Rossa III

FACE

Southwest

ALTITUDE

2781 m

DIFFICULTY

Medium

TIME

6 hours

BEAUTY

3

DESCRIPTION OF DIFFICULTY

A long itinerary in an isolated environment which requires experience and good mountaineering skills. Its length also makes it physically tough. Particular care is also required as in some parts the fixed cables are poorly maintained. There are some very exposed sections which are mostly climbed using ladders. Bear in mind that the Fanis refuge is closer than Armentarola.

TOTAL ASCENT

1000 m

FERRATA ASCENT

300 m

PERIOD

From the end of June until September, depending on snow conditions.

POPULARITY

Low

GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit.

INTRODUCTION

The "Via della Pace", or Peace Way, is a long excursion that crosses the southwest face of the Furci Rossa. The fascinating alpine route in wild surroundings follows the front held by the Austrian troops in the First World War. A short ferrata with

**GETTING THERE**

1) From Passo Falzarego or S. Cassiano take the Passo di Valparola road and turn off (north) at the Ru Sciare bridge to reach Capanna Alpina all'Armentarola (1726m).
2) From S. Vigilio di Marebbe drive to Rifugio Pederù.

ACCESS

1) From Capanna Alpina take path no. 11 and cross Plan de Furcia to climb swiftly up to Col de Lòcia (2069m). Continue past Passo Tadega (2157m) and descend slightly to Alpe Fanes Grande (2 hrs). Take the path marked VB17 rightwards to ascend to Vallon del Fosso and, at the fountain (2402m - 1 hr) follow the markers (FR). Keep left and descend slightly, following the wide ledge/ramp, to reach the start.

2) From Rif. Pederù walk to Rif Fanes (2060m) and proceed to Alpe di Fanes Grande (2 hrs). Continue from here as described above.

ASCENT

Begin by following the wide ledge which traverses rightwards beneath black overhanging rocks. The line leads towards the break in the crest between Furcia Rossa II and III but, instead of reaching this col,

the Austrian outposts and a magnificent sweeping view onto even the farthest alpine peaks.

DESCENT

Descend southwest and, after having passed the col that separates Furcia Rossa III from IV, reach the vertical yellow wall, about 100m high. Ladders and iron rungs lead down this to the Vallon Bianco scree slopes. Continue southwest to reach the Bivacco della Pace (2676m) bivouac, at the base of towering M.te Castello. Return from here along path no. 17 to Alpe Fanes Grande and then either to Rifugio Fanes or Capanna Alpina all'Armentarola.

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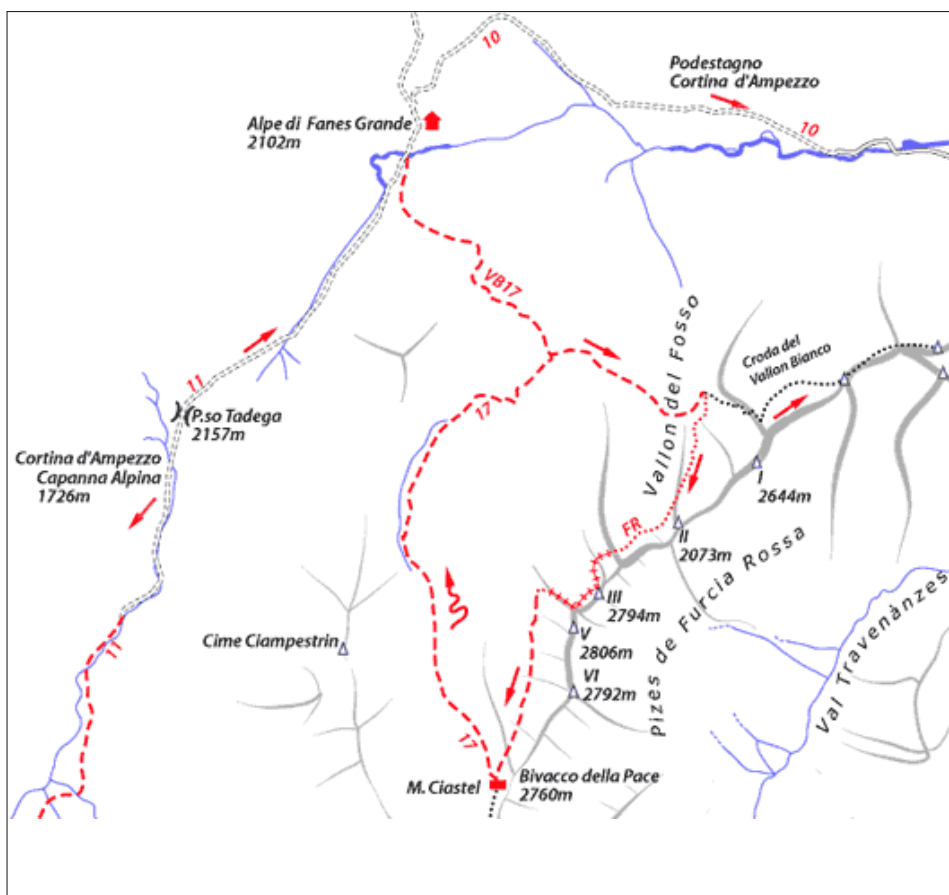
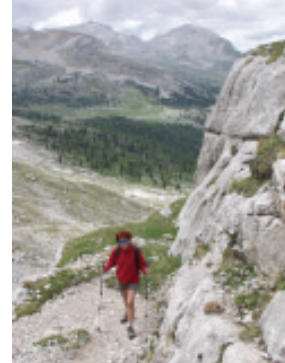
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continues along the west face. The vertical and exposed sections are surmounted with the help of ladders and fixed cables, to then reach the scree slopes beneath the summit of Furcia Rossa III. A steep path leads quickly to the top,

ladders and cables leads up to Furcia Rossa III, one of the peaks in the Furcia Rossa chain which, separated by the deep Valle Travenanzes, "looks out" onto Tofane, defended by the Italians.