

# Forcella Zumeles




## AREA

Dolomites - Pomagagnon

## PEAK

Forcella Zumeles

## FACE

South

## ALTITUDE

2300m

## DIFFICULTY

Medium

## TIME

6 hours

## BEAUTY

4

## DESCRIPTION OF DIFFICULTY

This very exposed route poses no particular difficulties but, given its total ascent, is best suited to well experienced, fit walkers. Due care and attention is required when crossing the rubble ledges.

## TOTAL ASCENT

1900 m

## FERRATA ASCENT

950 m

## PERIOD

From June to October.

## POPULARITY

Low

## GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit.

## INTRODUCTION

This beautiful excursion along Cortina's northern Croda peaks up the third of five ledges on the Pomagagnon is in fact an airy but not particularly difficult



path. Well-equipped in its most exposed sections, it traverses the mountain's southern face from east to west in an increasingly steep diagonal line. The broad view sweeps freely and fantastically over the Ampezzo basin onto Sorapis, Croda da Lago, Tofane and remote Pelmo and Cristallo. A sight not to be missed!

## GETTING THERE

From Cortina take the SS 51 to the small village Chiave (1319 m), located about 2.5 Km to the north of the center of Cortina.

Continue to the Istituto Elioterapico Putti above the village and park the car here.

## ACCESS

Close to Istituto Elioterapico Putti path no. 202 leads in about 1 1/2 hours through the woods to the base of the large open scree-filled gully that leads up to Forcella del Pomagagnon. Instead of following the path left up into the gully turn right and continue along a narrow track that leads to the start of the traverse.

## ASCENT

Climb steeply and cross beneath Testa



del Bartolo (2442m), the third peak of five from the left that mark this broken Pomagagnon crest. Once past the exposed

gully and ascend up rocky terrain towards the col that divides Croda Cestellis from Punta Erbing (2301), the final two peaks on Pomagagnon's eastern flank. At this point the ledge terminates and the path continues east following cairns along the opposite side of the ridge that opens out onto Val Grande and the Cristallo massif. The path takes a wide arc and coasts beneath the Crepe di Zumeles walls before leading to the homonymous pass, Forcella Zumeles (2072m).

## DESCENT

Descend from Forcella delle Zumeles (from where path no. 205 leads to Rif Franchetti at the foot of the Cristallo massif) following path no. 204 to the starting point at Chiave.

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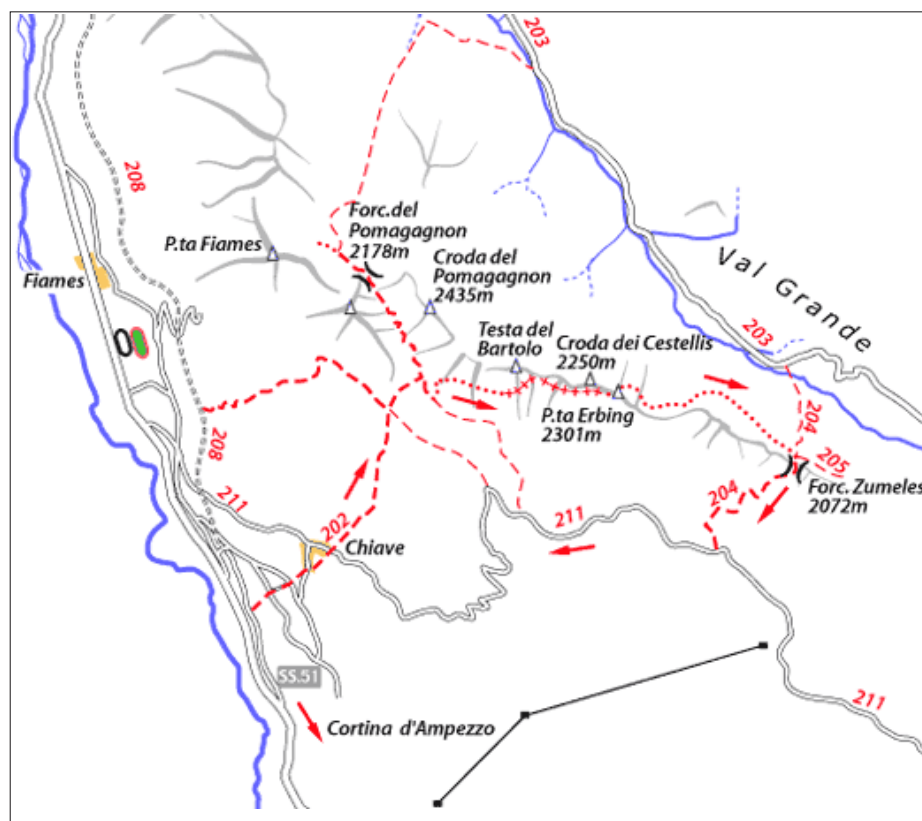
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## LINKS

<http://cortina.dolomiti.org>

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<http://www.guidecortina.com>



southern arete of Costa del Bartolo (2435m) descend slightly by continuing along the ledge towards the gully that separates Costa del Bartolo from nearby Croda Cestellis (2250m). Cross this steep