



Rifugio Branca 2493 m - ORTLES-CEVEDALE GROUP

CLASSIC ALPINE MOUNTAINEERING ROUTES – Val Rosole - Stelvio National Park - Valfurva (SO)

Punta Cadini 3524 m

Beautiful and interesting ascent in a solitary and remote setting of the magnificent amphitheatre of the Forni glacier. Breathtaking views towards the Brenta dolomites and the Adamello Group.

Alpine difficulty: good skier

Period: from the beginning of March until the middle of May

Starting Altitude: 2493 m rifugio Branca-2450 Lago di Rosole

Arrival altitude: 3524 m

Vertical Height gain: 1074

Orientation: NW-W-NE

Where to stay: Rifugio Branca – near the Lago di Rosole – It can be reached in about one hour following the Forni mountaineering itinerary – Open from the beginning of March Phone / Fax +39 0342.935501 – info@rifugiobranca.it

Time of ascent: 2 and a half hours/3 and a half hours depending on the weather conditions and the physical preparation.

Maps: Kompass 072 Parco Nazionale dello Stelvio 1:50 000 – Tabacco 08 Ortles-Cevedale 1:25.000

Important Note: Always carefully check the weather and snow forecast here: ARPA Lombardia – www.arpalombardia.it/meteo – www.aineva.it

Equipment: basic mountaineering equipment and Self Rescue Kit (ARTVA avalanche transceivers), shovel and probe

Beware: part of the itinerary goes through a glacier or through difficult terrains. For this reason, please make sure that you have the suitable equipment and a first-aid kit with you.

Classic Route

From the Rifugio Branca, follow the easy narrow route till you reach the plateau below in the proximity of the Lago di Rosole. From here, move in a south-easterly direction and descend following the normally well-trodden road just above the first hairpin turn. From here, halfway on the slope, cross the base of the lateral moraine horizontally till the evident couloir. After climbing the short final steep section, you get to a wide plateau with small carved valleys. Continue on the plateau and keeping fifty meters to the right of the steep moraine side enter the glacier. Move close to the edge of the medial moraine and follow it in a south-easterly direction almost up to its end. Descend on the glacier towards the right and continue passing at the base of the evident rocky face. After passing one steep area with crevasses you arrive to a wide plateau. Continue in the same direction and climb another short steep section to arrive at the base of the hidden south-east couloir that leads to the Cime di Pejo. Continue on an almost plain terrain in a southerly direction towards the north-west face of the Punta Cadini. Climb up the steep slope on the right of the evident crevasses and then turn to the left into the evident amphitheatre above. From here ascend in a southerly direction to the Colle Cadini. Just before the Colle, head up towards the right on the north-east ridge that – except for the short steep final section – can be easily followed. Follow it till you get to a ledge just before the final steep section. Remove the skis and ascend along the partially rocky edge to reach the summit quickly.

1a. Head to the base of the north face of the Punta Cadini and ascend with wide hairpin turns along the first section of the face till when it becomes very steep. Then cross towards the left keeping a bit below the rocky part and enter the amphitheatre following the above given classic route.

North-west face: Cima Cadini

1b. Before crossing towards the left ascend on the line of maximum gradient and climb the beautiful slope of the north face on its left part to arrive to the north-east ridge. Then join up with the classic ascent route (ascend carrying your skis on your shoulders with ice ax and crampons).

Descent

Follow the ascents itineraries.

Alternative descents

From the north-west seracs d1.

With good snow conditions, skiing down from the north-west face is not particularly difficult – but for the first section, one hundred meters around the 50°. Difficulty: Expert Mountaineer.

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