

# CLIMBING NEAR THE RIFUGIO BRANCA

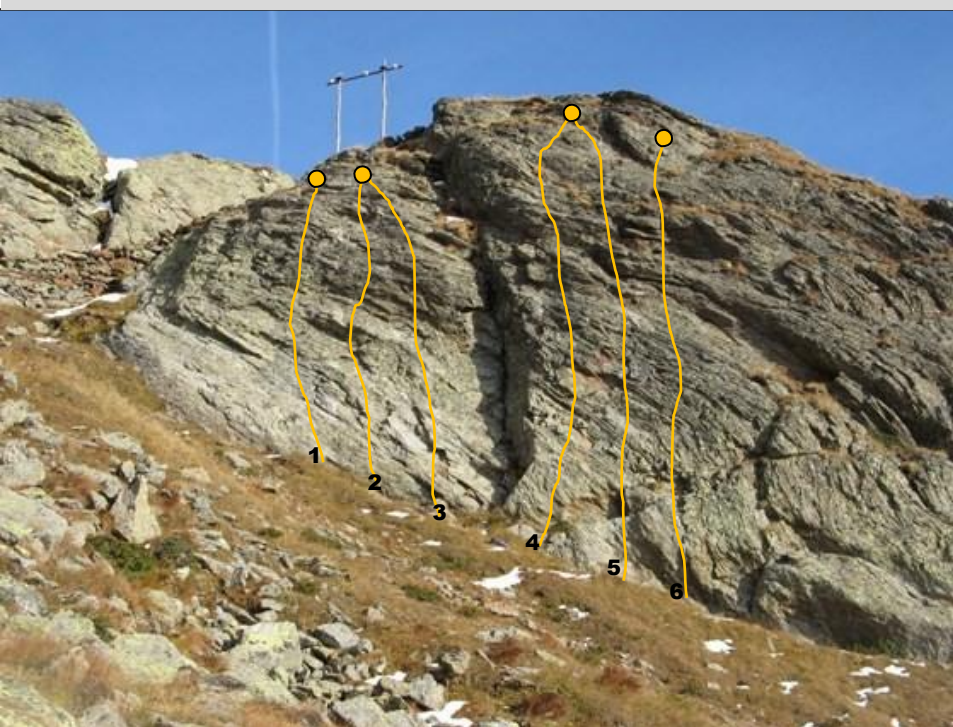
Interesting crags above the road, about 100 meters before the Rifugio Branca. They offer beautiful, easy, and safe climbs, and are perfect for rock climbing lessons and beginners.

The routes have been equipped with stainless steel bolts and with gear for belay by Alpine Guide Eraldo Meraldi in autumn 2007.

**Period:** from the beginning of June until the middle of October.

**Access to the Rifugio Branca:** Access to the Rifugio Branca: from the Forni parking area follow the signs and continue on the obvious dirt road that leads to the Rifugio Branca. The first part of the road is almost flat, then it climbs along the lateral moraine along where Forni Glacier used to be. The last part of the road is steeper with hairpin turns that quickly climb to the Rifugio Branca, at an altitude of 2495 meters. (45 minutes - 1 hour).

**Access to the Crap fora in cima and the Placche del valet:** From the Rifugio Branca take the trail towards Rifugio Pizzini. After 5 minutes, where the trail goes up to the right, descend left on the old mule trail. After about 20 meters, descend on the left to the base of the **del Crap fora in cima** (5 minutes – west orientation). Continue descending on the mule track, after around 100 meters you get to the base of the **Placche del valet**, on the right (10 minutes – south orientation)



## *Crap fora in cima crag*

1. **Portafortuna 4c** – 10 m
2. **Aquilotto 5a** – 11 m
3. **Stella luminosa 5b** – 12 m
4. **Gallo forcello 4c** – 15 m
5. **Neve al sole 5a** – 15 m
6. **I pascoli del cielo 5b** – 15 m



## *Placche del valet*

1. **Genzianella 4c** – 25 m
2. **Cuore di pietra 5a** - 25 m
3. **Bucaneve 4c** – 25 m

