



# CLIMBING NEAR THE RIFUGIO BRANCA VAL ROSOLE

Beautiful and easy climb in the proximity of Monte Cevedale. Enjoy the flowers, the waters, and the views of this suggestive and unforgettable place. On your way back visit the interesting remnants of the trenches and the guardhouses from the Great War.



## La via dei camosci (Path of the Chamois)

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**Length of the route:** 210 m, 6 pitches.

**Difficulty:** maximum 5b (4c obligatory).

**Route protection:** 26 bolts SS 10 mm + 11 for belay.

**Rack:** 8 quickdraws, 50 meter rope, gear for belay.

1. **5b** - 30 m – small wall, slab.
2. **4a** - 30 m – buttress & traverse to the right.
3. **5a-3a** - 30 m – small wall & easy buttress.
4. **3a** - 50 m – easy buttress.
5. **5a-4b** - 35 m – slab & small wall.
6. **3b** - 35 m – small wall & slab.



**Access:** From the Forni parking area, follow the signs and the obvious dirt road that leads to the Rifugio Branca (45 minutes/1 hour). Hike up the Val Rosole until you see the clear medial moraine. Halfway up the slope, turn left to get to the lowest lateral moraine. Continue in a northerly direction to get to reach a beautiful grassy plain before a steeper section. On the right edge of the rocks above, slightly left of a debris filled couloir, you find the start of the route (20-30 minutes from the Rifugio Branca). At the end of the route it is also interesting to climb towards the left to join up with the ridge running S-W from Monte Pasquale. From here you can easily continue towards the Cima Branca or easily descend towards the base to return to the area of the trenches.

**Descent:** From the end of the tracks, you can easily descend towards the right (facing the valley) surrounding the just-climbed face section to get to a plateau where the 4th pitch starts. Continue towards the left of the just-climbed buttress and descend through a short couloir. Then move towards the right to easily reach the base of the face.

**To visit the trenches and the guardhouses:** from the grassy plain descend following the moraine edge towards the south for about 200-300 meters. Immediately after, on the right and in a southerly direction you will arrive in the area (beware of the barbed wire)

**Suggested period:** June-October. **Orientation:** south-east – Sunny from early in the morning. **Altitude:** from 2725 to 2835 meters.

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