



Rifugio Branca 2493 m - ORTLES-CEVEDALE GROUP

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

Cima Dosegù 3560 m - Punta Pedranzini 3599 m

The Cima Dosegù and the Punta Pedranzini are not part of the classic mountaineering routes of this area but they offer something more to those seeking some more demanding ascents in a solitary and majestic environment. The descents are short but are amongst the most demanding in the Forni basin.

Alpine difficulty: expert skier

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

Starting Altitude: 2493 m rifugio Branca-2450 Lago di Rosole-2300 m Piana dei Forni Orientale-2200 from the north

Arrival altitude: 3560 m Cima Dosegù-3599 m Punta Pedranzini

Vertical Height gain: Cima Dosegù 1110 m - Punta Pedranzini 1149 m From the Forni glacier through the long route
Cima Dosegù 1260 m - Punta Pedranzini 1299 m from the Canalino dell'Isola Persa.
Cima Dosegù 1360 m - Punta Pedranzini 1399 m from the Forni.

Orientation: NW-N-NE-E

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: 3/4 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.

Cima Dosegù (3560 m) - Long route from the Forni glacier.

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. Head close to the edge of the medial moraine and go by it. Continue in a southerly direction on a rather plain section. Start climbing in a south-westerly direction on a steeper section bypassing - at due distance - the Isola Persa. Continue towards the west to arrive to the western plateau of the Forni glacier at the base of the steep northern sides of the Cima Dosegù and of the Punta Pedranzini. Ascend in a southerly direction almost up below the rocks and then move left to reach the south-east ridge of the Cima Dosegù (very steep section). Remove the skis and shortly ascend the ridge to the summit.

From the Canalino dell'Isola Persa

From the Rifugio Branca follow the easy road and descend to the plateau below in proximity of the Lago di Rosole.

From here, keep following the usually well-trodden road up to the plateau at an altitude of 2300 m. Cross a small bridge or - slightly on the left - with a good amount of snow - you can easily cross the stream. From here, towards the right, start climbing following some small humps and valleys towards the south and continue along the narrow couloir of the Isola Persa. At its end, turn slightly to the right and - climbing a steeper section - you reach the western plateau of the Forni glacier. From here, as for the previous itinerary.

1a. Follow the route from the Canalino dell'Isola Persa. At its end turn left to join up with the long route of the higher plateau of the Forni glacier.

Route from the north face of the Cima San Giacomo.

1b. From the Rifugio Branca follow the easy road and descend to the plateau below at an altitude of 2300 m. Cross a small bridge and move downhill on the left of the stream towards the Forni heading to the right of an evident bedrock (2200 m). From here start climbing towards the right to reach a plateau at the base of the small S. Giacomo couloir. Move to the left and bypass the wide rocky section heading into the medial amphitheatre of the northern side of S. Giacomo (this area is also called "of the rain gauge") From here, keeping slightly on the left, climb directly in a southerly direction to the col at an altitude of 3056 m. Cross more or less horizontally along a short final exposed section up to the western plateau of the Forni glacier

Descent

Follow the ascents itineraries.

Punta Pedranzini 3599m.

As for the above given itineraries, follow the route up to under the rocks of the north face of the Cima Dosegù. Continue towards the right keeping just below the rocky side till when you arrive to the ridge that connects the Cima Dosegù to the Punta Pedranzini. Cross the beautiful snow covered hump, keeping on the northern side and passing under the small rocks, you arrive to the last small plateau that shortly leads to the summit.

Descent

Follow the ascents itineraries.

Alternative Descents:

d1.d2 In the area of the evident snow covered hump descend directly to the plateau of the Forni glacier below

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