



Rifugio Branca 2493 m - ORTLES-CEVEDALE GROUP

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

Pizzo Tresero 3595 m

Just before arriving to Santa Caterina Valfurva you are welcomed by the impressive and majestic triangular-shaped summit of the Pizzo Tresero. This is only the beginning of a great adventure that - through a classic route - will lead you to the summit of this beautiful mountain. From the top you can enjoy 360° views of the Adamello Group, the Bernina, the 13 Peaks, the Grand Zebrù and beyond.

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-2300 m Piana dei Forni orientali-2200 from the North

Arrival altitude: 3595 m

Vertical Height gain: 1145 m from the Forni glacier through the long route/1295 m from the Canalino dell'Isola Persa/1395 m from the North

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.

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 westerly direction to the proximity of the lowest point of the north-east ridge that descends from the Pizzo Tresero. Move along the left of ridge and bypass – always keeping on the left – a steep section scattered with seracs to reach the west ridge that descends from the Punta Pedranzini. Follow the thin south-east ridge to the summit where a big cross and stunning views await you.

Classic route 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 in a southerly direction and continue along the narrow couloir of the Isola Persa. At its end, turn slightly to the right and climb a steeper section that leads to the western plateau of the Forni glacier. From here, as for the previous itinerary. **1a.** Following the itinerary from the Canalino dell'Isola Persa up to its end turn left to join up with the long route to reach the higher plateau of the Forni glacier.

Itineraries from the north side of the Cima San Giacomo.

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 continue descending to the left of the stream towards the Forni heading to the right of an evident bedrock (2200 m) From here climb towards the right to reach a plateau at the base of the small S. Giacomo couloir. Then head left and bypass the wide rocky section into the medial amphitheatre of the northern side of S. Giacomo (this area is also called "of the rain gauge") **1b.** From here, keeping slightly on the left, climb directly in a southerly direction to the col at an altitude of 3056 m and cross more or less horizontally with a short final exposed section to join up with the classic route just before the col on the ridge that descends from the Pizzo Tresero towards S. Giacomo. Then continue as for the previous itinerary. **1c.** Briefly descend into the basin and continue slightly to the right to climb the wide eastern side that leads to the western part of the Vedretta of S. Giacomo. Climb up to the evident plateau at the base of a very steep section. From here cross towards the right descending slightly or ascending above the steep section, depending on the amount of snow. Move diagonally to get to the col on the ridge that descends from the Pizzo Tresero to S. Giacomo. From here you can join up with the classic route to reach the summit.

Descent

Follow the ascents itineraries.

Alternative descents

d5. d6. Descend from the high part of the route to arrive below the Punta Pedranzini.

Other descents: As for the descends of the itinerary of the Cima San Giacomo

Vallone delle cento curve d1. – Canalino del Forno **d2.** – Canalino di Saletina **d3.** Vallone di Cerena **d4.**

PIZZO TRESERO 3595 m

