



Rifugio Branca 2493 m - ORTLES-CEVEDALE GROUP

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

L' Isola Persa 2801 m

This rock body was once part of the Forni glacier as an island in a frozen sea. Following the current glacier withdrawal it is now just partially touched by ice on the superior part. So, this has become a simple and short mountaineering route. Nonetheless it is very beautiful and interesting since it leads you to the heart of the Forni glacier.

Alpine difficulty: medium skier-classic route from the Canalino dell'Isola Persa - medium skier itinerary from the Forni glacier route.

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

Arrival altitude: 2801 m

Vertical Height gain: 351 m from the Rifugio Branca - 501 m from the Canalino dell'Isola Persa

Orientation: Classic Route from the Canale dell'Isola Persa NW-N-NE/from the Forni glacier NW-N-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: 1 hour/1 and 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.

Cima San Giacomo. 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. After ascending the steep section head gradually towards the right on the short southern ridge of the Isola Persa.

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, continue for a short section and then turn left to ascend along a short slope. Halfway on the slope turn right and proceed above a rock crag to reach the short southern ridge of the Isola Persa. Turn left to reach the summit

Descent

Follow the ascents itineraries.

L'ISOLA PERSA 2801 m

