



Rifugio Branca 2493 m - ORTLES-CEVEDALE GROUP

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

Cima dei Forni occidentale 3232 m – **Cima dei Forni centrale** 3240 m

Cima dei Forni orientale SW 3223 m – **Monte dei Forni** 3243 m – quota 3039 m

The mountaineering routes of the Cime dei Forni and of the Monte dei Forni are interesting outings and are amongst the simplest ascents in the Forni area. The views from the top are amongst the most beautiful and most magnificent that one can admire in the mountains. In general, they are recommended with transformed snow even though they are also a good option with fresh snow.

Alpine difficulty: good skier – western Cima dei Forni /good skier central Cima dei Forni – medium skier eastern Cima dei Forni and Monte dei Forni.

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

Starting Altitude: 2493 m Rifugio Branca – 2180 m Ponticello Cedec

Arrival altitude: western Cima dei Forni 3232 m – central Cima dei Forni 3240 m – eastern SW Cima dei Forni 3223 m/Monte dei Forni 3243 m/Dorsale Monte dei Forni 3039 m

Vertical Height gain: western Cima dei Forni 1052 m - central Cima Forni 1060 m – eastern Cima dei Forni SW 1043 m – Monte dei Forni 1063 m – Ridge Monte dei Forni (at 3039 m) 859 m

Orientation: western Cima dei Forni S-SE/central Cima dei Forni S-SE/eastern Cima dei Forni S-SW-SE/Monte dei Forni S-SE-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: Monte 2/3 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

1d.Western Cima dei Forni 3232 m

From the Rifugio Branca follow the easy road and descend to the plateau below in the proximity of the Lago di Rosole. Continue on the usually well-trodden road on the plain at an altitude of 2300 m. Continue descending on the right of the stream "Frodolfo" up to the small bridge on the stream "Cedec"(2180 m). From here start climbing up in a northerly direction to the Forni hut. Continue on the well-trodden route and then descend for a short section to the Ponte della Girella. Now ascend on the opposite side towards the left to connect with the mule track that leads to the Rifugio Pizzini. Head to the west and ascend the steep overlying slope to reach a flatter area. Keep going west and go round the southern slopes of the ridge of the Monte dei Forni , to reach the beginning of the Val Pisella, just above the Laghetto dei Forni at an altitude of 2375 m. Continue in a northerly direction to enter the Val Pisella. After passing some small valleys and some humps you reach an altitude of 2800 meters. Continue to the left in a north-westerly direction to enter a wide valley. After passing a series of humps and small valleys, climb up a steep east-facing slope, passing under some small rocks towards the right you arrive to a ridge that descends from the summit. Follow it with narrow diagonal lines to the top.

1c.Cima dei Forni Centrale 3240 m

Follow the previous itinerary up to 2800 m, then turn right, passing under the evident rocky band. From here, climb up the steep slope turning slightly to the left in the higher part until when you reach the flat summit.

1b. Eastern Cima dei Forni 3224 m

As for the itinerary 1d.up to an altitude of 2800 m. Continue straight climbing the right slope diagonally to reach a wide initially flat amphitheater. Following the left ridge you reach the base of a steep slope. Passing it on the right you arrive to a flat area with a rock glacier. Climb up an evident narrow couloir towards the left until you reach a ridge. After passing the last slope, you reach the top where you can admire a peculiar square rock on the right.

Monte dei Forni 3243 m Classic Itinerary

1e. Follow itinerary 1d. up to the Ponte della Girella and after passing it head to the right up until when you join up with a mule track that leads to the Rifugio Pizzini. Climb the steep slope above in a westerly direction to get to a plainer area. From here, with no obligatory itinerary, go in a northerly direction and then head north-west climbing an evident valley towards the left. After passing it, climb the overlying slope slightly towards the right to the summit.

Along the southern ridge: 1a.

Follow itinerary 1d. up to the southern slopes of the ridge of the Monte dei Forni. Climb up these slopes in a northerly direction, then follow the evident ridge up to an altitude of 3039 meters (this is already an arrival point) Continue on the ridge and once you arrive at an altitude of 3054 m you ski down some meters of vertical height to then start climbing a very steep area that leads to the final section of the ridge and then up to the summit. Normally the descent from the Monte dei Forni is done from the classic itinerary.

Descent

Follow the ascents itineraries.From 3039 m Monte dei Forni you can descend directly from the East or South-East slope.

Alternative descents d4. d5. d6. d7. d8. See table: **Northern descents from the Monte dei Forni, eastern Cima dei Forni SW, central Cima dei Forni, western Cima dei Forni , Cima Manzina, Monte Confinale.**

CIMA DEI FORNI OCCIDENTALE 3232 m - CIMA DEI FORNI CENTRALE 3240 m
CIMA DEI FORNI ORIENTALE SW 3223 m - MONTE DEI FORNI 3243 m

