

From Valcanale to the Alpe Corte refuge

Road access from Bergamo:

Ponte Nossa (Valle Seriana), Ardesio, Valcanale
Km. 48

Start of hike:

Parking pond Valcanale (987 m.)

Travelling time:

2^h 40' (a/r)

Height difference:

310 m.

Difficulties:

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Recommended period:

April to October

Water on the route:

YES

Rest stop:

Alpe Corte Refuge Tel: 0346 35090

Information:

Section C.A.I. Bergamo Tel: 035 4175475

Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 I N.E. Ardesio

Geographic coordinates:

45,9494° N, 9,8495° E

Valcanale, at an altitude of 927 m, is the last village in the valley of the same name. It is a valley that is unexpectedly suggestive when, having climbed the hairpin bends of the road and come out of the woods, the long scenery formed by the imposing dolomite walls of Monte Secco, Fop, and the peak of Valmora appears, descending vertically for more than 1000 metres to the Acqualina torrent below and, at the end, the massif of Arera, a singularly beautiful mountain.



There is parking for the disabled at the coach parking area.



The municipality of Ardesio has instituted the Scratch and Stop for all parking spaces.



At the pond and after the pond there are parking areas.



After the car park, one comes across the Valcanale pond.



The first section, from the Valcanale pond on a sloping asphalt road (max. 7%) to the beginning of the trail (750 m). At the beginning of the trail there is parking space for about 25 cars (no parking spaces for people with disabilities).



At the beginning of the ascent, we follow the signs on the panel at the start of the trail.



The signpost provides us with further information, we continue on the CAI 220 trail.



The trail begins with a 20-metre-long section at a 22% gradient on uneven stony ground.



The first section is thus quite challenging.



The path is constantly uphill, but with varying gradients.



After a short time, we arrive at the first small bridge.



We cross a tributary of the Aqualina stream on the left.



The terrain now becomes sufficiently compact and the ascent is easy.



We now pass a depression where water flows through.



The bottom of the path is extremely varied and varied.



We pass a stony section.



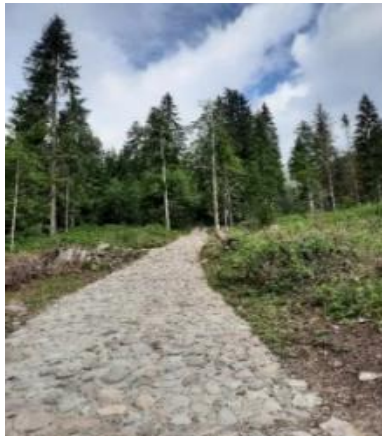
As we climb, we encounter new steep sections (37%, then 27%) up to 150 metres long.



At the end of the ascent of this section, we turn left at the hairpin bend.



We then cross a small bridge.



We now reach some steeper sections with recently cemented stone paving. We are coming to the end of this steep section.



The ground alternates between rocky.



Even very uneven stretches with partially cemented sections and others with stones embedded in concrete screed. The width of the route is constant at around 3 metres.



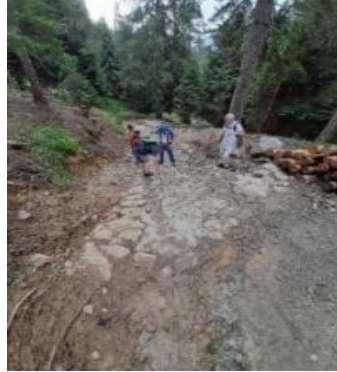
Halfway along the route, on the left, a boulder bears the inscription '1/2'. At that point, the uphill gradient is 28%.



In some places, the edges of the path are high and consist of landslide terrain, which makes the path muddy with rain. As you continue uphill, you come to a brick-built hut on the right.



Shortly afterwards, we face a section with a maximum gradient of 45%.



The slope becomes steep, but the end is in sight.



In some places, the slopes have been landscaped with natural engineering works.



Continuing on, there is another steep section (42%), but with cemented stone paving. Here, on the left, there is a rope attached to stakes, put in place before the ground was settled to help hikers avoid slipping in rain and mud.



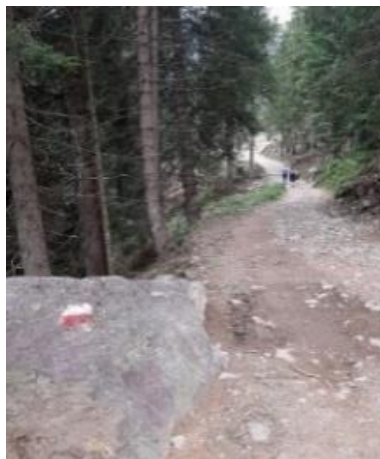
The bottom is fairly compact even though there is some damage to the ground due to the rain.



We proceed to measure the longitudinal slope.



Having passed this section, we come to a fork and continue keeping to the right.



The path continues on compact ground with a pleasant slope.



Shortly before arriving at the refuge, when the path leaves the forest, we face a new section with a considerable gradient (33%).



The ground in this first part is uneven.

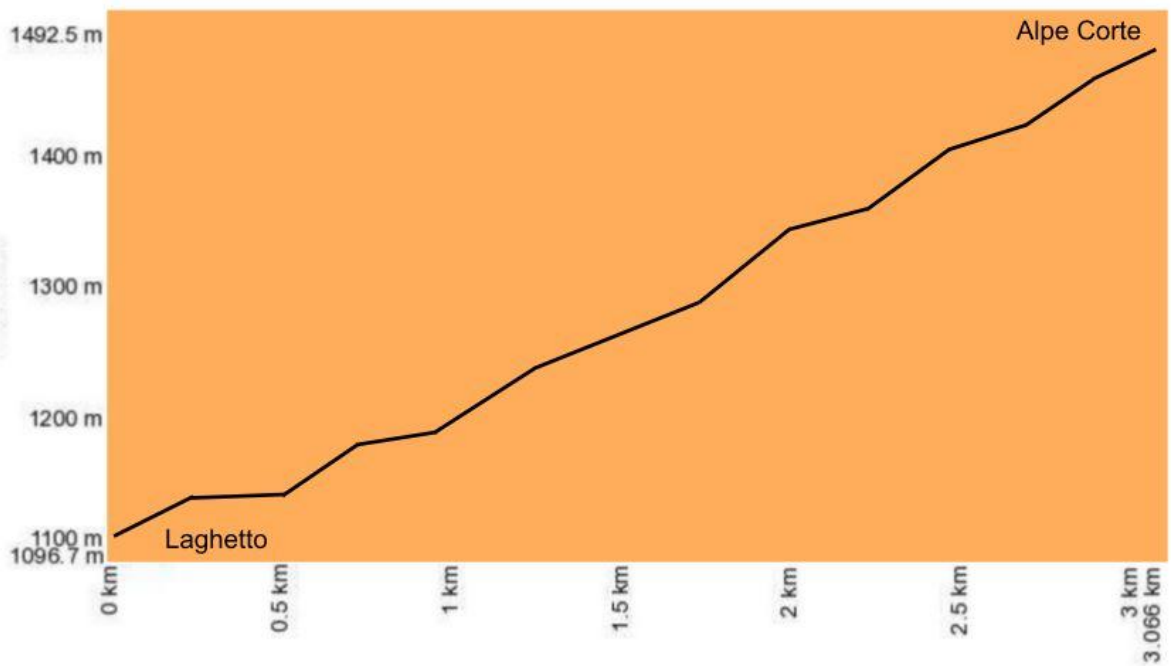


Now finally the final section is well done and allows us to climb to the hut easily.



We are in sight of the Alpe Corte hut. After a short, well-deserved rest, we are about to return to the valley following the outward route.

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