

From Spiazzi di Gromo to the Vodala mountain hut

Access by road from Bergamo:

Nembro, Ponte Nossa, Ardesio, Gromo, Spiazzi.
49 Km.

Start of the hike:

Car park on the square Avert, 7, Spiazzi (1180 m.)

Journey time:

2^h 30' (a/r)

Elevation gain:

450 m.

Difficulty:

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Track and path

Recommended period:

All year round, even when there is no snow

Water along the route:

YES

Rest stop:

Bar "il Boscaiolo", piazza Avert, 4, Spiazzi: Tel: 0346 41839

Information:

Municipality of Gromo: Tel: 0346 41128 CAP 24020

Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 I N.E. Ardesio

Geographical coordinates:

45.97127° N, 9.96372° E



After parking, we set off towards the Vodala Mountain Hut.



We continue along the tarmac road until we reach the "Spiazzi" ski hire shop, where we turn left.



The surface is now a dirt track and the road climbs gently; we pass some snowcats on the right.



We are on the road leading up to the chairlift station at the Vodala Mountain Hut.



The surface changes constantly and the gradient is now becoming challenging.



It is now made up of stones set in concrete, to make the ascent easier for vehicles.



At the end of this uphill section, we reach the Baita Pegherolo on our left.



We continue over terrain strewn with small stones and finally see the sun come out.



We cross the ski slope and catch a glimpse of the view of the Seriana Valley down below.



We continue along this flat stretch, which gives us a chance to catch our breath and admire the woodland.



The path climbs and turns left; the sun warms us and the going is easy.



We reach the Baita degli Alpini and turn left.



The path continues on level ground across a grassy area, towards the woodland.



To our right, we spot a small spring of crystal-clear water.



The path surface turns to dirt and the path narrows; we must take care.



We reach an uphill section full of large stones and exposed roots, which we manage to negotiate.



Once out of the woods, we continue our walk across a grassy area in the sunshine.



To our right, we pass the lower station of a ski lift.



After continuing along a connecting track, we turn left at the junction.



The route now climbs gently along a new path; at the end, we turn right.



We must cross a patch of frozen snow and continue uphill, passing a rock on the left.



To our left we can see the building housing the top station of the Vodala chairlift.



We have reached the "Rifugio Vodala", nestled in the beautiful valley basin.



After a brief stop, we continue our walk, reaching the rock on which stand a statue of the "Madonna of Lourdes" and an image of a ski instructor.



After turning right, we descend along the dirt track to the snow plough on the right.



Passing under the safety net covering the piste, we head into the woods along the path leading down towards the valley.



We reach and pass a signpost pointing towards "Spiazzi".

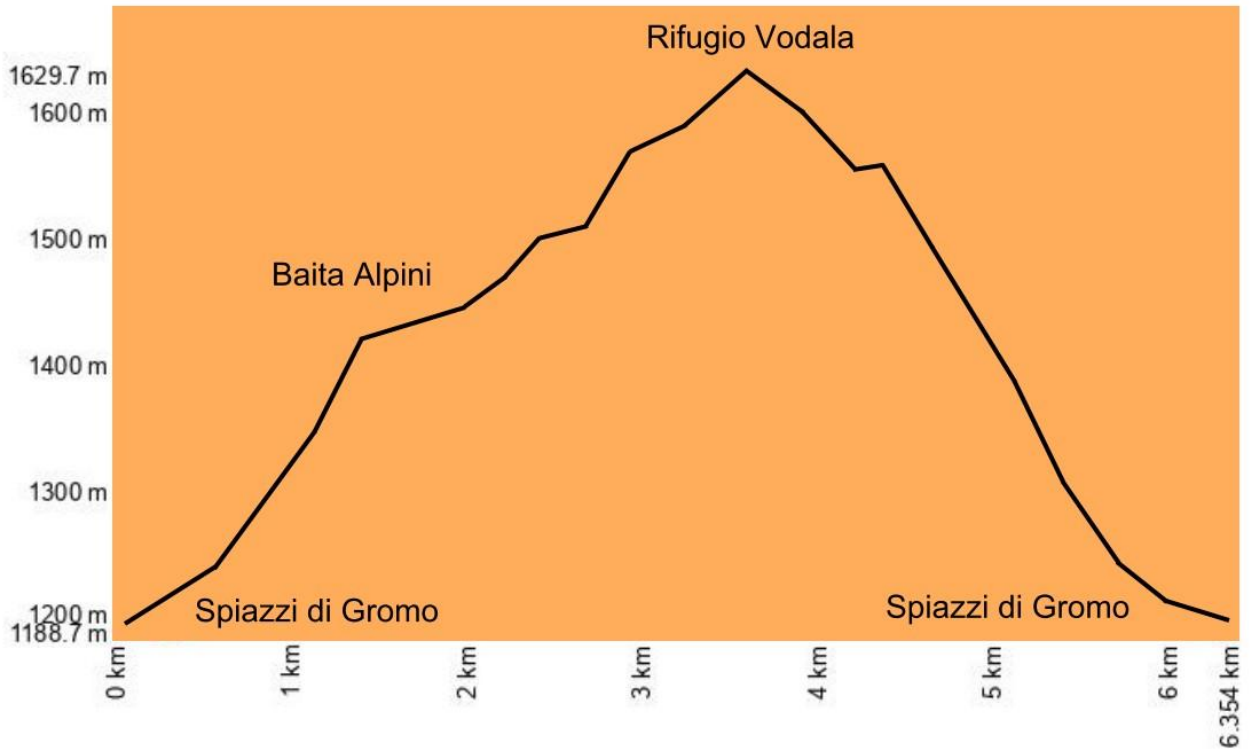


The route varies considerably, alternating between sections in the woods and clearings.



After reaching the ascent piste we took this morning, we continue our descent across the meadows of the ski slope until we reach the point from which we set off.

Altimetry



Route map

