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#### **NAME**

Forcella Pianezza: the most beatiful window to see the Marmolada

## **DIFFICULTY**

Challenging

### **DESCRIPTION**

A demanding but rewarding alpine adventure to touch some of the most spectacular viewpoints over the Val del Biois, along the suggestive and wild Alta Via dei Pastori and remain incredulous at what our eyes will be able to admire once we reach Forcella Pianezza: the Marmolada like few others they can observe. If we are lucky, even chamois and ibexes will keep us company.

# **PATH**

We will start by following the forest road that winds up in the woods northwest of the l'Agazon refuge. After an initial uphill stretch, the route will continue along the steep path 687, which, with extreme calm and patience, will take us to Baita Colmont. From here we will turn completely east along path 697 and 688 on the Alta Via dei Pastori which cuts through the steep slopes below the Crepa Rosa. The path on the coast will climb slightly until it reaches the foot of Forcella Pianezza (2044m, highest point reached). A small stretch of our circular route will then lead us to the top of the fork, completely surrounded by Monte Pezza, the Marmolada, the Cime d'Auta, Punta Palazza, the Cime di Pezza and the Piz Zorlet. We will then descend along the steep valley on path 684 which from under the fork leads first to Baita Pianezza and finally entering the woods to Vivaio Piccolet, the conclusion of our journey (in the morning we will leave some cars here and then pick up the others at the parking lot near Rifugio l' Agazon).

### **LOGISTICS**

- The meeting is scheduled for 8:15 am at the Savaion car park at the entrance to Canale d'Agordo (address/position visible on the map alongside).
- We will drive about ten minutes to reach the Vivaio Piccolet car park, in the municipality of Vallada, where we will leave some cars. With the remaining cars we will then reach the starting point of our excursion, Forcella l'Agazon, at a very short distance (about 1 km away).
- At the end of the excursion we will recover the cars left at the start.
- The meeting time may vary according to the weather forecast for that day. Any changes in the program will be communicated to the participants in time.

### **NOTES**

- To undertake this excursion, it is necessary to have previously completed routes of similar length and difference in height.
- Along the way there are very narrow and exposed stretches of path. This excursion is not recommended for those who do not suffer from vertigo.
- The age of participation is suggested and indicative, any special requests for younger ages (via the booking form) motivated by adequate previous experience in the mountains will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- There are no refuges along the route. A packed lunch is therefore necessary.
- Reservations are accepted until 16:00 on the day before the excursion.
- The cost is per person. Payment can be made on the spot on the day of the excursion (in cash), or by bank transfer in the days preceding the excursion (the IBAN details will be communicated via the booking confirmation email). In case of bad weather (or physical impossibility of the guide) which prevents the excursion from taking place, the entire cost will be refunded and the excursion rescheduled where possible.
- The cost of participation is related to the guide service on excursions with Accompagnatore di Media Montagna.
- Appropriate equipment and clothes are required for the type of excursion and time of year. The
  following are required: mountain boots, sufficiently large backpack, rainproof layers, cap/hat,
  water bottle, packed lunch, sunscreen. Recommended: warmer layers of clothing, spare clothing,
  sticks, snacks, sunglasses. People who show up at the start without required material will be
  excluded for safety reasons; no refund will therefore be due.