

ITINERARY 3I


MALGA VALLES ALTO



description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Pale di San Martino, San Lucano, Dolomiti Bellunesi, Vette Feltrine
mountain group(s)	Focobon (Pale di San Martino)
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: Valles Alto is a stunning example of a Dolomite pasture landscape near the Valles Alto Pass. Surrounded by the spectacular crests of the Cime di Focobo, Valles Alto has large pastures cultivated with traditional farming methods for centuries and filled with many different flowers. Here we can find all the elements of a typical Dolomite landscape: undulating bases covered in rich green meadows and dairies, slopes carpeted with conifer forests, large mantles of scree where pioneer vegetation has made its home and awe-inspiring bare rock faces. Given its central position and the sheer size of the meadows, the panorama is far-reaching with splendid views of both the Dolomite rocks of the Pale di San Martino group and the dark porphyry of the Cima Bocche chain.</p> <p>Geology: the stratigraphic sequence in this section covers a period of about 150 million years, from the early Palaeozoic to the late Carnian/Norian periods. Most of its rocks belong to the Permian-Triassic eras, with a large percentage from the Anisian-Ladinian periods.</p> <p>In this area (Venegia Pass, Valles Pass, Rolle Pass), there are outcrops of rock that tell of the arrival of the first Dolomite sea, starting from the Athesian volcanic events and the gradual erosion of the ancient Hercynian mountains. The Triassic period of volcanic activity, which involved the whole area, meant that the original geometries of a large Ladinian island (island-deep sea; island-volcanic material) have been preserved, providing us with a "cast" of what the</p>

	geography looked like at the time. [source: www.dolomitiunesco.info]
description of the route	This beautiful and easy itinerary follows the forest road to the pastures of the Valles Pass. From the car park in Pian della Sussistenza (near the bar/restaurant Le Cime), where you can leave your car, cross the Valles Pass provincial road 81 and follow the directions on the left to Malga Valles Alto. The forest road is tarmacked all the way to the dairy and descends for 250 m with gentle inclines. After you have crossed a bridge, the path begins to climb gently for about 500 m. This path presents no particular difficulties, the inclines are no greater than 10% but the tarmacked surface makes them easy to handle. The dairy lies at the foot of the Valles Pass and is surrounded by gently rolling meadows found in so many Dolomite valleys. It offers a lovely view over the awe-inspiring northwest face of Civetta and the Cime di Focobon.
advice	
recommended period	From spring to autumn (when the dairy is open).
recommended gear	It is important to have sunscreen with you at all times, a change of clothes should it rain and a small first aid kit.
recommended equipment	The tarmacked terrain and the gentle inclines do not require any special equipment. When following the itinerary in a wheelchair, a front wheel is recommended if you are on your own; a regular push wheelchair is sufficient if someone is accompanying you.
recommendations	When following the itinerary in a wheelchair, on a mountain bike or with a pushchair, always carry a complete tyre repair kit with a pump and spare inner tube (especially when the dairy is closed).
N.B.	The dairy can also be reached by car (not recommended) but there is not a lot of parking there.
info	
altitude	1500-2000 m a.s.l.
starting point	car park in Pian della Sussistenza (Km 5, Valles Pass provincial road SP81) GPS coordinates: 46°20'34.9"N 11°49'15.3"E Altitude: 1896 m a.s.l. We recommend leaving your car in the car park at the Bar Taverna Le Cime
arrival point	Malga Valles Alto, Valles Pass, 32020 Falcade (BL) GPS coordinates: 46°20'19.6"N 11°48'45.9"E Altitude: 1889 m a.s.l.
distance	1600 m (return trip)
overall difference in height	40 m uphill; 20 m downhill
incline	Average 4%, max 10% (for a couple of metres)
minimum width	2.50 - 3.00 m (track)
terrain	Even, uniform surface (tarmac)
obstacles	None
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	<u>Private transport</u> : car park at the beginning of the route
restrictions	None
car park	Free car park with no reserved spaces
accessible toilets	None (there are toilets at the dairy but they are not accessible as there is a

	step to enter and the door is 60 cm wide)
refreshments	Malga Valles: refreshments available and dairy products for sale (there are two small steps at the entrance)
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Good
GPS mapping	3l_Malga_Valles_Alto.gpx
street view	Mapping only along the provincial road SP 81; junction for Malga Valles Alto: https://www.google.it/maps/@46.3422904,11.8193329,3a,75y,167.62h,76.95t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sTWLW0d2gOWybbWJcWAdxaQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656
signs along the route	None
UNESCO info points	None
guides	Local guides available who have attended the special training course run by the UNESCO Dolomites Foundation-Accademia della Montagna del Trentino [info: https://www.assionlus.it/]
rental services	None
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number 118 Italian emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	ASSI Onlus, Via Villa 7 32036 Sedico (BL) email: assi.onlus@gmail.com / tel. +39 0437 852418
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 https://www.assionlus.it/
route mapped on	28/08/2019
responsibility	The contents of this information sheet do not exempt hikers from responsible behaviour. The weather in the mountains can change very quickly and the degree of difficulty of the itineraries depends on a number of factors which often cannot be foreseen, including the conditions of the route, how fit you are and your equipment. Before starting out, always check the weather forecast and contact the local tourist board for an update on the conditions of the route. Weather: http://www.arpa.veneto.it/previsioni/it/html/meteo_dolomiti.php Local tourist board: https://www.dolomiti.org/it/falcade Malga Valles Alto: +39 345 324 9461