

ACCESSIBLE VIEWPOINT - MOUNT SPINALE




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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Brenta Dolomites
mountain group(s)	Brenta
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: the Dolomites are the universal archetype for a specific mountain landscape that takes its name, "Dolomite landscape", from these very mountains. A number of key features define this particular landscape. Firstly the extremely complex topography, distinctive for the mountain ranges that, while separate, are juxtaposed in a particularly contained setting. Secondly, the uncommon variety of shapes, both vertical (cliffs, needles, spires, pinnacles, towers and jagged peaks) and horizontal (ledges, roofs, overhangs, crags, plateaux and high plains). First and foremost however, the Dolomites are famous for their exceptional varieties of colour and the extraordinary contrast between the soft lines of the pasturelands and the sudden vertical thrust of the stark, bare mountain peaks.</p> <p>The remarkable mountain landscape that we see today has changed very little since it formed millions of years ago. The unmistakable, familiar shapes of the Dolomite peaks are none other than the atolls and coral reefs of those ancient times, while the Alpine passes and inhabited valleys we see today correspond to the deep stretches of sea which originally separated them. This is the only example in the world of a fossil landscape that is as recognisable as this, a tropical archipelago that has transformed into extraordinary towering mountains.</p> <p>Geology: The Dolomites are one of the best conserved examples in the world of fossil reefs and tropical environments of the Mesozoic era. They preserve</p>

	<p>fossil evidence of the organisms which were instrumental in their formation around 250 million years ago. The sequence of rocks illustrates the resurgence and evolution of life following the greatest extinction event ever recorded in the history of geology that occurred between the Permian and Triassic eras and led to the disappearance of more than 90 % of living species. The interaction between the atolls and the coral reefs of the Triassic and the powerful volcanic eruptions which were a common occurrence in those distant times are clearly and spectacularly visible here. The lack of tectonic deformation, the impressive outcrops, the thick layers of accumulated sediment and the extensive lateral continuity of these mountains reveal the history of the Earth like in a giant rock book and allow us to physically explore the ancient geography of those seas and islands.</p> <p>[source: UNESCO Dolomites Foundation, <i>UNESCO World Heritage Dolomites</i>, 2010]</p>
description of the route	<p>The accessible viewpoint of Mount Spinale lies at an altitude of 2100 metres. This promontory is truly scenic, with a 360° view over the most famous peaks in the Brenta Dolomites and the valley of Madonna di Campiglio, surrounded by Adamello and Presanella.</p> <p>The vast, gently rolling plateau of Spinale has pastures and dairies and is accessed directly from the town of Madonna di Campiglio by the Spinale cable car. From the top, the panorama over the peaks of the Brenta Group will take your breath away, with Cima Grostè, Castello di Vallesinella, Cima Falkner, Cima Brenta, Torre di Brenta, Cima Tosa and Crozzon di Brenta close by.</p> <p>The summit is flat and has plenty of attractions: there are fully accessible places to eat (Chalet FIAT), where it is also possible to stay overnight to enjoy the views at different times of the day and night. It is the starting point for a number of excursions through beautiful pastures, thanks to paths on compact terrain and gentle inclines.</p> <p>The cable car cabins are accessible and can carry pushchairs, mountain bikes and wheelchairs.</p> <p>The ticket office and entrance to the cable car are both on flat ground, on the same level as the street, and there are no gaps between the boarding platform and the cabin. Once on the Spinale plateau, exiting the cable car presents no particular problems.</p>
advice	
recommended period	In summer from June to October (opening times and periods: https://www.ski.it/it/impianti-e-piste)
recommended gear	Wear layers, warm clothes and comfortable boots. It is important to take something to eat and drink along the way, sunscreen, a change of clothes should it rain and a hat.
recommended equipment	Outside the uphill station, the disembarkation area and the paths to the mountain huts are untarmacked and the terrain is packed and even. Hiking pushchairs and electric assist wheelchairs suitable for outdoor excursions are therefore recommended, with tyres with deep treads and off-road wheels.
recommendations	Always travel with others, so they can help you deal with any difficulties you may encounter. In bad weather, contact the cable car before setting out to make sure it is open (e.g. if there is strong wind): tel. (+39) 0465 447744.
N.B.	The lift is accessible; tickets may be purchased online: https://skiareacampigliodolomiti.skiperformance.com/it/estate/negozio#/it/es

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altitude	1500 – 2100 m a.s.l.
starting point	Valley station of the Spinale cable car, Via Spinale 26, 38086 Madonna di Campiglio, TN GPS coordinates: 46.228620, 10.829343 Altitude: 1510 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Uphill station – Mount Spinale 2100 m a.s.l. GPS coordinates: 46.223327, 10.847703 Altitude: 2100 m a.s.l.
distance	1665 m
overall difference in height	588 m
incline	35 %
minimum width	Negligible
terrain	Outside the uphill station: even terrain with gravel and dirt track
obstacles	Some narrow channels cross the path
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	Direct access to the cable car boarding platform at the ticket office level
restrictions	None. For the cable car times, consult the website https://www.campigliodolomiti.it/it/pagine/dettaglio/info_utili_140/funivie_campiglio_estate_985.html
car park	Multi-storey paying car park near the valley station (Spinale car park)
accessible toilets	<u>Downhill</u> : at the departure station of the cable car <u>Uphill</u> : at the Chalet Fiat
refreshments	<u>Downhill</u> : various refreshment options near the valley station <u>Uphill</u> : Chalet Fiat, fully accessible
recharging stations for electric batteries	From winter 2020/2021, there will be one station where two cars may be charged
network coverage	Good
GPS mapping	Negligible
street view	Valley station: https://www.google.com/maps/place/46%C2%B013'42.9%22N+10%C2%B049'45.8%22E/@46.228611,10.8294121,3a,75y,169.54h,91.71t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sUyRfX5xoDw5mRTT36rgKyQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!4m14!1m7!3m6!1sox47825c24ffd4c305:0x877b464e09d912of!2s38086+Madonna+di+Campiglio+TN!3b1!8m2!3d46.2302584!4d10.826401!3m5!1sox0:0x0!7e2!8m2!3d46.2285854!4d10.8293754?hl=it Mapping of lift: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.2233979,10.8476524,3a,75y,83.49h,65.95t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipPle8IUa6MagohOv6BljP7pPwLxBx_a5K6LP82O!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ffh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipPle8IUa6MagohOv6BljP7pPwLxBx_a5K6LP82O%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi3.0554082-ya121.737495-ro-3.440221-fo100!7i7680!8i3840?hl=it Panoramic photo restaurant at summit: https://www.google.com/maps/@46.2229316,10.8477611,3a,75y,337.21h,94.15t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipNK!pe2DeYMYyDTaLQJSqi6K6QAFyFqhkkr1RX!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ffh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1Qip

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signs along the route	Information boards at the valley and uphill cable car stations
UNESCO info points	None
guides	None
rental services	Mountain bike rental: https://www.ski.it/it/-noleggio-e-servizi-bike
reductions	Details about reductions are available by either calling (+39) 0465 447744 or asking directly at the ticket office
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	https://www.ski.it/it/funivie-madonna-di-campiglio-s.p.a.
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 https://www.ski.it/it
route mapped on	20/09/2019
responsibility	<p>The contents of this information sheet do not exempt hikers from responsible behaviour.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Weather: https://www.meteotrentino.it/#!/home Local tourist board: https://www.campigliodolomiti.it/it Lift opening times and periods: https://www.ski.it/it/impianti-e-piste</p>