

ITINERARY 4B

CASERA PRÀ DI TORO - PADOVA MOUNTAIN HUT



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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Dolomiti Friulane
mountain group(s)	Monfalconi, Spalti di Toro, Cridola
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: the wide grassy hollow where the Padova mountain hut is located offers a spectacular view of the most distinctive peaks of the western part of the Dolomiti Friulane: Spalti di Toro, Monfalconi and Cridola. Magnificent woods of sycamore, birch, beech and fir trees, which can be found as high as the mantles of scree, sit at the feet of these Dolomite mountains with their unmistakable ridges.</p> <p>The landscape is interesting and its natural features of great importance, in this part of the World Heritage Site whose integrity has been preserved. While the itinerary is short, it goes into the very heart of the Dolomiti Friulane, providing direct contact with the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Geology: the predominant rock in the Dolomiti Friulane is Main Dolomite, which was deposited towards the end of the Triassic period on an extensive flood plain, showing the early tendency to trap poorly oxygenated basins (Forni Dolomite). Many dinosaur footprints from the late Triassic period have been found here.</p> <p>The NE-SW orientation of the main mountain ridges (Cridola, Busca, Duranno, Preti, Pramaggiore and Cornagiet) and the formation of the principal valleys (Vajont, Cimoliana and Settimana) reflect the inclination of the layers and the planes of the numerous thrust faults.</p> <p>The landscape is adorned with towers and spires where the stratification or the planes of low-angle thrust faults intersect with vertical tectonic fractures,</p>

	as in mounts Cridola, Monfalconi and Spalti di Toro. [source: https://www.dolomitiunesco.info/?lang=en]
description of the route	This excursion through the rolling meadows of Casera Prà di Toro, lying at the foot of Spalti di Toro, is very short but very beautiful. From Domegge, follow the directions for the Padova and Cercenà mountain huts and Centro Cadore lake. Once you have gone over the bridge over the lake, at the junction take the forest road for the Padova and Cercenà mountain huts. Continue through the woods. The road is nearly all tarmacked and climbs for about 7 km to an altitude of 1287 m, where it goes through a paved ford in the Talagona river. A little further on, the road ends in a lay-by where you can park. Here the flat and very scenic route to your destination, the Padova mountain hut, begins. If you decide to go on foot through the woods, it takes about 2 hours.
advice	
recommended period	From spring to autumn when the mountain hut is open. info: http://www.rifugiopadova.it/
recommended gear	Wear comfortable clothes in layers. 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	Due to the condition of the terrain, we recommend hiking (electric off-road chairs) or Joëlette wheelchairs.
recommendations	Always travel with others, so they can help you deal with any difficulties you may encounter. When following the itinerary in a wheelchair, on a mountain bike or with a pushchair, fit tyres with deep treads and always carry a complete tyre repair kit with a pump and spare inner tube.
N.B.	when using an electric wheelchair, it is a good idea to take some spare batteries.
info	
altitude	1300 m a.s.l.
starting point	Car park on the Talagona Valley forest road near Casera Prà di Toro, 32040 - Domegge di Cadore (BL) GPS coordinates: 46.4129413,12.4608743 Altitude: 1307 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Padova mountain hut – Val di Toro, 32040 - Domegge di Cadore (BL) GPS coordinates: 46.414021,12.4589296 Altitude: 1287 m a.s.l.
distance	320 m
overall difference in height	10 m uphill; 29 m downhill
incline	Max 9%
minimum width	2.50 m (track)
terrain	Dirt track (with surface in fine and coarse packed gravel)
obstacles	Traffic barrier (room to get round it) near Casera Prà di Toro; narrow channels cross the route
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	<u>Private transport</u> : to the car park at the beginning of the route
restrictions	In the summer, traffic is only allowed on the forest road at certain times Info: http://www.rifugiopadova.it/index.html
car park	Large car park with no reserved spaces
accessible toilets	Padova mountain hut (no step at entrance)

refreshments	Padova mountain hut (three steps to access the entrance porch)
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Coverage in the area is average. It is stronger near the mountain hut but can be patchy
GPS mapping	4B_track.gpx
street view	https://www.google.it/maps/@46.412939,12.4606718,3a,75y,297.68h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sG4v4Rz8owpVEhv6TScizOA!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo1.ggpht.com%2Fcbk%3Fpanoid%3DG4v4Rz8owpVEhv6TScizOA%26output%3Dthumbail%26cb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile.gps%26thumb%3D2%26w%3D203%26h%3D100%26yaw%3D273.78976%26pitch%3D0%26thumbfov%3D100!7i13312!8i6656
signs along the route	CAI signs; information boards in the car park and at the mountain hut
UNESCO info points	None
guides	Dolomiti Friulane Park guides [info: http://www.parcodolomitifriulane.it/visite-guidate/le-guide-del-parco/]
rental services	None
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	ASSI Onlus, Via Villa 7 32036 Sedico (BL) email: assi.onlus@gmail.com / tel. +39 0437 852418; Dolomiti Friulane Park guides: prenotazioni@dolomitifriulane.it .
information provided by and itinerary checked by	ASSI onlus (first mapping): https://www.assionlus.it/  ASSI ONLUS ASSOCIAZIONE SOCIALE SPORTIVA INVALIDI Dolomiti Friulane guides (revision): http://www.parcodolomitifriulane.it/visite-guidate/le-guide-del-parco/ 
route mapped on	September 2017:
revised	Autumn 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: https://www.arpa.veneto.it/previsioni/en/html/meteo_dolomiti.php Local tourist board: https://www.dolomiti.org/en/cadore