

ITINERARY 5D

VALGRANDE - LUNELLI MOUNTAIN HUT



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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Dolomiti Settentrionali
mountain group(s)	Popèra
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: the whole route lies in a wood of beech and fir trees and climbs to the beautiful, large grassy Selvapiana hollow where the Lunelli mountain hut is located. Here it opens up onto a marvellous view over the awe-inspiring Popèra mountain chain.</p> <p>The clearing, with its gentle incline and easy access, marks the gateway to the World Heritage Site from the Comelico valley. The landscape is typical of the Dolomites, with its gentle forms at the base, characteristic of the cultural landscape associated with mountain farming, and the part above which is decidedly more rugged and wild, namely the natural landscape.</p> <p>Geology: the most interesting geomorphological features in the Sesto/Tre Cime area are the great plateaux (Piani di Lavaredo and Piani di Cengia), ledges and balconies that formed on the roof of the Dolomite rock, evidence of the Ladinian-Carnian islands whose softer rocks contributed to the disappearance of the Dolomite archipelago. The awe-inspiring ancient plateaux of the Ladinian-Carnian islands form the base for the monumental towers - Torre dei Tre Scarperer and Popèra - and the jagged crests of Croda de Toni and Cima Bagni, all carved out of the even layers of Main Dolomite.</p> <p>The dense network of faults and subvertical fractures that cut cleanly through the layers are responsible for the "steps" that appear in the plateaux, for all the spires and pinnacles crowding this place and for the geometry of the pinnacles, rock walls and the deep valleys running in straight lines radiating</p>

	out from the plateaux. [source: https://www.dolomitiunesco.info/?lang=en]
description of the route	<p>This is a highly enjoyable itinerary through the beautiful forests and large meadows and clearings of Valgrande. Given the length of the route and the fact that it climbs continuously, it is a good idea to go to the Lunelli mountain hut by car (it has a large car park) and start the excursion there, descending in the direction of the spa in Valgrande.</p> <p>Directions: take the Carnica main road SS 52 in the direction of the Monte Croce di Comelico Pass and turn left to Valgrande Comelico just after the village of Padola. After about 2.5 km, you will reach the junction for the Lunelli mountain hut (left). You can leave your car in one of the lay-bys along Via Valgrande and continue for about 2.2 km along the tarmacked road which climbs continuously to the hut. Alternatively, you can drive to the hut.</p>
advice	
recommended period	Mid-June to end of September (when the mountain hut is open).
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	The route is suitable for wheelchairs engineered to travel on uneven terrain (with tyres with deep treads) and front wheel; it becomes more challenging in the final 200 m and should only be tackled with special off-road wheelchairs.
recommendations	<p>Always travel with others, so they can help you deal with any difficulties you may encounter.</p> <p>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.</p>
N.B.	When using an electric wheelchair, it is a good idea to take some spare batteries. The mountain hut is accessible by car; you may meet vehicles along the route.
info	
altitude	1300 – 1500 m a.s.l.
starting point	Lunelli mountain hut in Selvapiana, 32040 Comelico Superiore GPS coordinates: 46.6337111,12.4189302 Altitude: 1564 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Car park along Via Valgrande, 32040 Comelico Superiore (BL) GPS coordinates: 46.6324474,12.4431091 Altitude: 1352 m a.s.l.
distance	2160 m
overall difference in height	210 m
incline	Average of 10 % (continuous incline)
minimum width	2.5 m (track)
terrain	Tarmacked road; dirt road for the final 200 m to get to the hut
obstacles	Terrain is compact and relatively even; narrow channels cross the path near the mountain hut
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	With private transport (the itinerary goes along the tarmacked road leading to the Lunelli mountain hut)
restrictions	None

car park	Untarmacked car park near the mountain hut; car park along the road at the beginning of the route (possibility of parking at the spa)
accessible toilets	Only in hotels and restaurants in Padola
refreshments	Lunelli mountain hut (two steps to enter)
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Coverage provided by main mobile phone operators
GPS mapping	5D_track.gpx
street view	https://www.google.com/maps/@46.6330759,12.4202477,3a,75y,268.11h,102.66t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sZFPLxwSFpEnOO24OnoNWgl!2e0!7i13312!8i6656?hl=it-IT
signs along the route	Information boards near the mountain hut; CAI signs
UNESCO info points	Information boards about the World Heritage Site
guides	None
rental services	None
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number 118 Italian emergency telephone number

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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

Conditions of the route: <https://www.caiveneto.it/rifugio/lunelli-a-selvapiana>