

ITINERARY 6A

ZANNES NATURE TRAIL



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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Puez-Odle
mountain group(s)	Odle di Funes
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: this area in the World Heritage Site is unique because it tells of the evolution of the period in which atolls and tropical reefs were the dominant features. Here the ancient islands are presented with their original shapes and positions, intact and perfectly recognisable. Even the geometric relationships between the islands (carbonate structures) and the deep-sea deposits surrounding them (basin) are intact. This complexity has created the great variety of landscapes we can see today: the rolling pastures correspond to the sedimentation of the deep sea, while the Odle peaks coincide with the islands created by marine bio-constructor organisms (Sciliar Dolomite) of Puez-Gardenaccia or Sas de Putia (Cassian Dolomite).</p> <p>Geology: there are outcrops of rock in this area which tell of the arrival of the first Dolomite Sea, starting from the Permian desert plains. This exceptional area also features rocks that were witness to the mass extinction that occurred between the Permian and Triassic period, while the Anisian rocks show clear signs of the recovery made by the bio-constructor organisms after the disastrous extinction. The rocks of the deep sea of the Anisian and Ladinian periods in Seceda are of major scientific interest, as the abundance of fossils have enabled geologists to make extremely precise timescale measurements. This complexity creates dramatic variations in the landscape, from the even slopes of mount Rasciesa, formed from the volcanic porphyry rock of the Permian Atesino chain, to the contrasting jagged rocks of the carbonate</p>

	platform consisting of islands built from organisms, of Odle (Sciliar Dolomite), Puez-Gardenaccia or Sas de Putia (Cassian Dolomite). [source: https://www.dolomitiunesco.info/?lang=en]
description of the route	From the village of Santa Maddalena in Val di Funes, drive until you reach the end of the road where you will see the Zannes car park. Start the excursion from the square near the Zannes infopoint (1680 m a.s.l.) and follow the tarmacked road towards the Sass Rigais hotel. The route goes past a second parking area and then starts to climb gently (12 – 14%) until it reaches the beginning of the nature trail. It then continues on a dirt track where the terrain is compact. Go through a wooden gate, continue then turn left, following the directions (sign with a wheelchair on it). The path climbs continuously (around 10%) and has rest spots with tables and benches. After going over a wooden bridge, the route enters woodland which is fenced off and where you can see ungulates grazing. The path continues to go downhill until it reaches the road and returns to the Zannes car park.
advice	
recommended period	From June to October. info: https://www.zans.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	The itinerary is suitable for wheelchairs engineered to travel on uneven terrain (with tyres with deep treads) and front wheel; an electric assist off-road vehicle is recommended (e.g. off-road wheelchair).
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	1700 m a.s.l.
starting point	Infopoint Zannes, 39030 Braies BZ Altitude: 1683 m a.s.l. GPS coordinates: 46.635937, 11.765706
arrival point	Infopoint Zannes, 39030 Braies BZ Altitude: 1683 m a.s.l. GPS coordinates: 46.635937, 11.765706 (circular route)
distance	3020 m
overall difference in height	73 m uphill; 78 m downhill
incline	Average of 6 % with some 10 % stretches. The route starts with a gentle incline on tarmac until the beginning of the nature trail. The path has continuous inclines (6 %) which can reach 10% in some stretches, both up and downhill
minimum width	Forest road (width = 1.50 - 2.00 m)
terrain	Dirt road and packed gravel with wear-resistant treatment
obstacles	None: compact mixed gravel terrain with frequent narrow drainage channels covered with metal gratings
exposed stretches	None

facilities

access	The starting point can be reached using both public and private transport. <u>Public transport:</u> buses (info: https://www.suedtirolmobil.info/en/) <u>Private transport:</u> from the village of Santa Maddalena to the car park in Zannes
restrictions	Paying car park
car park	Large paying car park with 5 disabled spaces
accessible toilets	At refreshments and Infopoint in Zannes
refreshments	Treffpunkt Zans, accessible (info: https://www.zans.it/)
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Coverage provided by main mobile phone operators
GPS mapping	6A_track.gpx
street view	The whole route has not been mapped, only the starting point (2011 view before the infopoint was established): https://www.google.it/maps/@46.6358233,11.7659644,3a,75y,333.25h,90.62t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sdojsamf1v1nsE_ZeLylluw!2e0!7i13312!8i6656
signs along the route	14 rest spots with seats and information panels about the natural features of the Puez-Odle Park with Braille writing for blind visitors (https://nature-parks.provinz.bz.it/puez-geisler/interpretive-nature-trails.asp)
UNESCO info points	Information boards in the Park contain information about the World Heritage Site
guides	Puez-Odle Natural Park guides [info: https://nature-parks.provinz.bz.it/puez-geisler/guided-interpretive-nature-trail-hikes.asp]; Transport provided by horse-drawn carriages (in summer and winter)
rental services	None
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number 118 Italian emergency telephone number

contacts

contact for info	Val di Funes Tourist Association: info@funes.info
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 VITA INDIPENDENTE E MOBILITÀ SELBSTBESTIMMTES LEBEN UND MOBILITÄT https://www.independent.it/
route mapped on	May 2017
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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: <http://weather.provinz.bz.it/default.asp>

Conditions of the route: <https://www.villnoess.com/en/>