

ITINERARY 7D

NIGRA PASS - MALGA HAGNER




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description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Sciliar-Catinaccio, Latemar
mountain group(s)	Catinaccio
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: the vast, gently undulating plateau of volcanic origin lying between Nova Levante and Tires is covered with magnificent fir woods and dotted with large pastures, each one providing grazing in the summer. The rural landscape and its functions are easy to make out and perfectly preserved. The itinerary is long enough to get a good understanding of the structure of the landscape, which follows the morphology of the land.</p> <p>Here we can find all the elements of a typical Dolomite pasture landscape: volcanic bases covered in rich green meadows and dairies, slopes carpeted with conifer forests, large mantles of scree where pioneer vegetation has made its home among the awe-inspiring bare rock faces. Given the sheer size of the meadows, the plateau is exceptionally scenic and offers splendid views over the imposing fossil reef of Catinaccio and the Torri del Latemar.</p> <p>Geology: Mount Catinaccio, between the Carezza pass, Alpe di Tires and Val di Fassa, is a rugged, craggy crest with a number of peaks reaching an altitude of 3,000 metres: Catinaccio d'Antermoia, Catinaccio, Cima Scalieret, Torri del Vajolet and Roda di Vael. From the 19th century, the geology of Catinaccio has been regarded of prime importance for the study of the Dolomite stratigraphy of the Triassic period, since its readily accessible outcrops clearly show the relationship between carbonaceous sedimentation and volcanic activity. Finally, it should be noted that this area has been subject to weak Alpine tectonic movements and therefore the geometric relationships between the</p>

	sedimentary facies are particularly well preserved. All these features coupled with the accessibility of the sites and the many fossiliferous outcrops make the world's scholars of Triassic stratigraphy flock to this place. [source: www.dolomitiunesco.info]
description of the route	This beautiful itinerary runs along the ridge between Val d'Ega and the Tires Valley. It follows a forest road which is closed to traffic and begins near the Nigra mountain hut (1690 m a.s.l.). The whole route is well sign-posted and very varied, with flat terrain interspersed with up and downhill sections, following the undulating shape of the slope. The path is a dirt road and every 20/30 metres there are narrow drainage channels which do not, however, cause any problems. Almost all the route is in the woods but, after the Vaia storm in October 2018 which brought down a huge number of trees, a lot of new and beautiful views of the imposing Catinaccio cliff and Latemar have since opened up. There are a number of detours along the way, with directions to Malga Hagner always well-signposted at the forks. There are no other places offering refreshments before Malga Hagner.
advice	
recommended period	Spring - summer (check when the Malga is open)
recommended gear	Wear layers and comfortable boots. 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 dirt track and long uphill climbs make this a challenging route. You will need a hiking pushchair with tyres with deep treads and, if you use a wheelchair, an electric assist vehicle (electric wheelchair with a front wheel or off-road all-wheel drive). The Vaia storm and the vehicles used during the clear-up operation have left their mark on the terrain, making this a challenging route. At the moment, and until the area has been completely cleared, you will need an electric off-road all-wheel 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. When using a wheelchair, we recommend an electric assist vehicle.
N.B.	The Vaia storm caused significant damage in this area, with wide-scale destruction due to the falling trees. When the route was inspected for damage (July 2019), considerable work had already been carried out in the forest to clear the pastures and restore access to the Malga. It is a good idea, however, to check on the condition of the road to Malga Hagner before setting off.
info	
altitude	1500-2000 m a.s.l.
starting point	Passo Nigra mountain hut, Via S. Cipriano, 39050 Nova Levante BZ GPS coordinates: 46.456007, 11.586059 Altitude: 1690 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Malga Hagner Alm, Via Hagner, 39056 Nova Levante BZ GPS coordinates: 46.448052, 11.549839 Altitude: 1556 m a.s.l.
distance	5 km (10 km return trip)
overall difference in height	Approx. 600 m

incline	Average 7%, max 12% (for approx. 300 m)
minimum width	Approx. 2.00 m
terrain	2018 BEFORE VAIA: Dirt track + fine gravel 2019 AFTER VAIA: Dirt track + fine gravel + large stones
obstacles	2018 BEFORE VAIA: There were narrow drainage channels along the path every 20/30 metres (narrow but not deep). Due to passing vehicles (cars of staff working at the dairies), there were also two channels running lengthwise which were not deep. At the beginning of the path there is a barrier with a padlock (no one knows who has the keys as the dairies are closed). At the fork to Malga Hagner, the path climbs gently in a diagonal direction for a couple of metres. 2019 AFTER VAIA: There are narrow drainage channels along the path every 20/30 metres (narrow but not deep). Due to vehicles used to clear the forests of the trees felled during the storm, the two channels running lengthwise along the track are now deep. At the fork to Malga Hagner, the path climbs gently in a diagonal direction for a couple of metres.
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	<u>Private transport</u> : large free car park (with no reserved spaces, untarmacked surface) near the Passo Nigra mountain hut. To reach the beginning of the route, you have to cross the provincial road and go along a section where there is no pavement. <u>Public transport</u> : there is also a bus stop at the car park.
restrictions	None
car park	Free car park at the 12th bend on via San Cipriano (46.455748, 11.586052)
accessible toilets	None
refreshments	Malga Hagner (no accessible toilets, no special menus. There is a ramp with a 18% (!) incline up to the entrance but after that the terrace is accessible)
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Patchy
GPS mapping	7D_Passo_Nigra.gpx
street view	Starting point (Passo Nigra mountain hut): https://www.google.it/maps/@46.4561507,11.5857228,3a,75y,80h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sQK4v7Czc5090leLaffMogw!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo3.ggpht.com%2Fcbk%3Fpanoid%3DQK4v7Czc5090leLaffMogw%26output%3Dthumbnail%26client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile.gps%26thumb%3D2%26w%3D203%26h%3D100%26yaw%3D80%26pitch%3D0%26thumbfov%3D100!7i13312!8i6656 Panoramic photo of arrival point (Malga Hagner): https://www.google.it/maps/@46.4476644,11.5492647,3a,75y,280h,90t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipOnyUXhYPIQiu1UePDEVaQbKQEmisSLVVeRgVBo!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Fh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipOnyUXhYPIQiu1UePDEVaQbKQEmisSLVVeRgVBo%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-o-ya176-ro-o-fo100!7i8704!8i4352
signs along the route	Directions to Malga Hagner
UNESCO info points	UNESCO sign across path indicating the access point to site
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.independent.it/]
rental services	None

emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
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information provided by and itinerary checked by	 <p>VITA INDIPENDENTE E MOBILITÀ SELBSTBESTIMMTES LEBEN UND MOBILITÄT</p> <p>https://www.independent.it/it/index</p>
route mapped on	23/10/2018
revised	04/07/2019
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: http://meteo.provincia.bz.it/ Local tourist board: https://www.altabadia.org/</p>