

ITINERARY 8A

OCLINI PASS - MALGA CORANDIN



description

UNESCO Dolomites system	Bletterbach
mountain group(s)	Corno Bianco/Weisshorn
UNESCO values	<p>Landscape: the route goes around the sides of Corno Bianco, the uppermost part of a deep canyon which is of extraordinary geological interest. A visit to the Bletterbach GEOPARC shows what the mountain looks like when sectioned from top to bottom, while this itinerary shows the external morphology, illustrating the origin of the Dolomite landscape.</p> <p>The route is mainly flat and crosses the large meadows in the Pass, which is renowned for its fertile meadows due to the volcanic substratum and its spas with their hay baths. The itinerary follows the line which separates Corno Nero (porphyry rock) from Corno Bianco (dolomia rock), showing horizontally the association of the different rocks which can be seen vertically in the canyon. The cultural landscape is also very important. The Oclini Pass, together with the Lavazé Pass, has been crossed by man since prehistory and is still used as pastureland.</p> <p>Geology: the 900 m gradient between the Corno Bianco peak and the bottom of the Bletterbach gorge is like taking a journey back in time which relates the history of our planet. No other place in the Alps has such perfectly preserved dolomite rock layers visible to the naked eye, demonstrating in minute detail how the Dolomites were transformed in the time between the Early Permian era and the extinction event of the Late Permian/Triassic era. The outcrops of rock bear witness to the sequence of different paleo-environments, from volcanic rocks to the marine rocks of the first Dolomite sea. One particularly</p>

	powerful advance resulted in deposits of fossiliferous calcareous rocks, full of cephalopods, that formed a terrace over which a marvellous waterfall now flows. [source: https://www.dolomitiunesco.info/?lang=en]
description of the route	A lovely excursion through the meadows and hay pastures on the slopes of Corno Bianco. The itinerary begins in the Oclini Pass, near the Berghotel Jochgrimm hotel. Once past the barrier (there is room to get around it), continue for just over one and half kilometres along the lovely, flat road that descends gently through the fields until you reach the Malga Corandin/Gurndin Alm. Go back the way you came (remember the path climbs gentle but continuously on the way back).
advice	
recommended period	Mid-June to beginning of November, when the Malga is open; info: https://www.gurndinalm.com/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	2000 m a.s.l.
starting point	Oclini Pass/Jochgrimm, Aldino 39040 (BZ) GPS coordinates: 46.347268, 11.452024 Altitude: 1991 m a.s.l.
arrival point	Malga Corandin/Gurndin Alm, Aldino 39040 (BZ) GPS coordinates: 46.347435, 11.431285 Altitude: 1946 m a.s.l.
distance	1660 m
overall difference in height	5 m uphill; 50 m downhill
incline	Average of 3 %
minimum width	Forest road (2.5 m)
terrain	Dirt road with even, packed surface that descends slightly
obstacles	Road closed to traffic with barrier at the beginning (room to get round it); deep narrow channels cross the path diagonally
exposed stretches	None
facilities	
access	The starting point can be reached using both public and private transport; suburban bus 108 from Cavalese July-September and December-March
restrictions	None
car park	Free untarmacked car park at the Pass with no reserved spaces
accessible toilets	At the pass at the Berghotel Jochgrimm hotel and Hotel Schwarzhorn
refreshments	Departure: accommodation accessible at the Oclini Pass (Hotel Schwarzhorn;

	Berghotel Jochgrimm Alpine Wellness with hay baths) Arrival: Malga Corandin/Gurndrin Alm (one small wooden step down)
recharging stations for electric bikes	None
network coverage	Coverage provided by main mobile phone operators
GPS mapping	8A_track.gpx
street view	Whole route mapped: https://www.google.it/maps/@46.3472348,11.4509612,2a,75y,273.18h,90t/data=!3m1o!1e1!3m8!1spJ7LNVb4oNM2CtIpdrSR6A!2eo!6s%2F%2Fgeo3.ggpht.com%2Fcbk%3Fpanoid%3DpJ7LNVb4oNM2CtIpdrSR6A%26output%3Dthumbnail%26client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile.gps%26thumb%3D2%26w%3D203%26h%3D100%26yaw%3D177.01364%26pitch%3D0%26thumbfov%3D100!7i13312!8i6656!9m2!1b1!2i34 Panoramic photo from the slopes of Corno Bianco: https://www.google.it/maps/@46.3499381,11.4424981,3a,75y,198.35h,62.7t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipJNGD7BLqIHmWt3SCYYO_hlmbKU2WxRHoTnW9G!2e1o!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Ffh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FpJNGD7BLqIHmWt3SCYYO_hlmbKU2WxRHoTnW9G%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-o-ya30.080273-ro-o-f0100!7i11080!8i5540
signs along the route	Information boards about the natural and cultural features of the Oclini Pass; AVS signs
UNESCO info points	Information boards at the Pass provide information about the World Heritage Site
guides	Local guides available who have attended the special training course run by the UNESCO Dolomites Foundation-Accademia della Montagna del Trentino [info: www.sportabili.org]
rental services	
emergency numbers	112 European emergency telephone number
contacts	
contact for info	Aldino - Redagno - Oclini Pass Tourist Association: https://www.bolzanosurroundings.info/en/the-southeastern-dolomites.html
information provided by and itinerary checked by	 https://www.sportabili.org/it
route mapped on	June 2017
revised	July 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: http://weather.provinz.bz.it/default.asp Local tourist board: https://www.bolzanosurroundings.info/en/the-southeastern-dolomites.html