

11. VAL ROVADIA WATERFALL

VALLEY PATHS

Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites



The route starts just downstream of the artificial lakes in the Davost area in Forni di Sopra and after a few meters you will be walking alongside the Tagliamento river.

The first point of interest covers an outcrop of rocks rich in gypsum which, being soluble and friable, determine landslides and an incision in the river bed. The area was put into safety with notable environmental engineering works using stone, wood and willows for the consolidation of the slopes. From here, the path becomes narrow but always flat and through small streams, meadows and alongside the stavoli (rural mountain constructions), clear reference

to the ancient use of these areas. Then, the trail descends to left toward the river that can be crossed through a cement footbridge and it continues slightly uphill on a paved road. Once arrived near a control unit of the local hydroelectric company you have to follow a forest track until you reach Val Rovadia. After this, you go up the valley, interesting for its geomorphology and the important fossil findings, as it keeps a restrained grade. Before the path grade

increases abruptly, on the left appears the high waterfall of Rio Girei, refreshing in the summertime and frozen during winter. It is recommended to pay attention to the stones that can plunge into the narrow gorge. The entire route is inhabited by deer, roe deer and other animals; you can observe also numerous footprints and other signs. In these areas is not uncommon to see eagles and meet bears as well.

Beech forest in Val Rovadia



Val Rovadia waterfall



Meadows in Piniei area



Snowy Val Rovadia



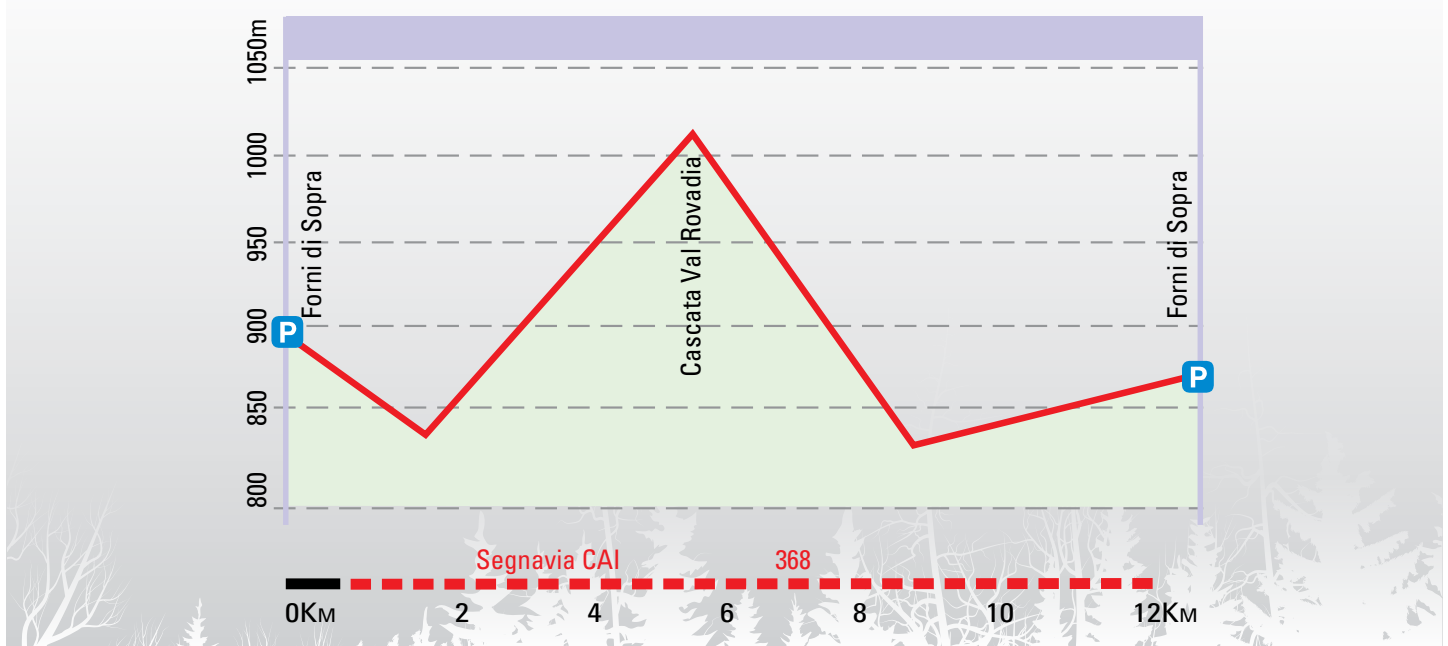
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PATH TAB

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| Municipality | Forni di Sopra (UD), Forni di Sotto (UD) |
| Starting point | Parking of the Sport center, Davost area, Forni di Sopra (878m) |
| Arrival point | Parking of the Sport center, Davost area |
| Recommended period | April- November |
| Approximate walking time | 5-6 hours |
| Peculiarities | Geographical and ethnographic (land management, spontaneous architecture), Geomorphological (gypsum outcrops, dolomite furnaces, fluvial erosion) |
| Points of interest | Tagliamento river, meadows and stavoli in Piniei area, waterfall in Val Rovadia |
| Markers | CAI 368 |
| Cartography | Map Edizioni Tabacco Natural Park Friulian Dolomites; And Edizioni Tabacco #021 |
| Support points | not present, various possibilities of early return |

PATH ELEVATION AND CAI DIRECTIONS



Forni di Sopra



Crocus flower



Path for school groups



PATH MAP

