

8. CAPRA GAP AND MOUNT RAUT CHALLENGING HIKES

Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites



Mount Raut is the most southern mountain range in the territory of the Park; its peak (2025 meters above sea level) overlooking the plain of Friuli allows a spectacular view of the Adriatic Sea that ranges from the Gulf of Trieste up to Venice.

The trail starts from the saddle Pala Barzana, along the way that connects Val Colvera with the valley of Andreis. In the first part the path rises northwards in an alternation of meadows and sparse forest. After the first hundred meters of altitude the slope decreases and the trail crosses a wide steep area, almost devoid of vegetation, consisting of fractured rocks and vast scree debris. Here is the Periadriatic fault, an important tectonic dislocation that brings the Triassic dolomite rocks which constitute the elevation to slide southward on the cretaceous limestone mountains of Fara and Jouf. Beyond this area, the trail goes into the woods

again, here made of species capable to grow in these arid soils with a south-facing exposure. Going northwards you get to the ruins of the hut of Pala Barzana made built by the Counts of Maniago in the 30s' of the last century. This building was used during summer, for the pasture of heifers because of poor fodder therefore not very suitable for dairy cows. Beyond the Alpine hut the path crosses the pastures of Raut toward northeast up to a small stream almost always without water (Rio Grande). At the height of the stream the trail bends to the North following a watershed line with slopes that gradually rise up to the mountain pass Capra

(1824 m above sea level). In the season of blooms the track between the dairy hut and the saddle allows hikers to observe among others: the Carniolan lily, the Asphodelus and Narcissus, in the meadows; the cinquefoil of the Dolomites, Physoplexis comosa and the sandstone of Huter in the rocky environments. From the saddle, follow the ridge, first westward and then towards north-west; along this section you must overcome a rocky step, a few meters high and equipped with iron sling. The view from the top is remarkable: southward the plain and the sea, westward mount Cavallo, northward the other mountains of the Park.

First section of the trail



Hut of Pala Barzana



Asphodelus



Golden eagle



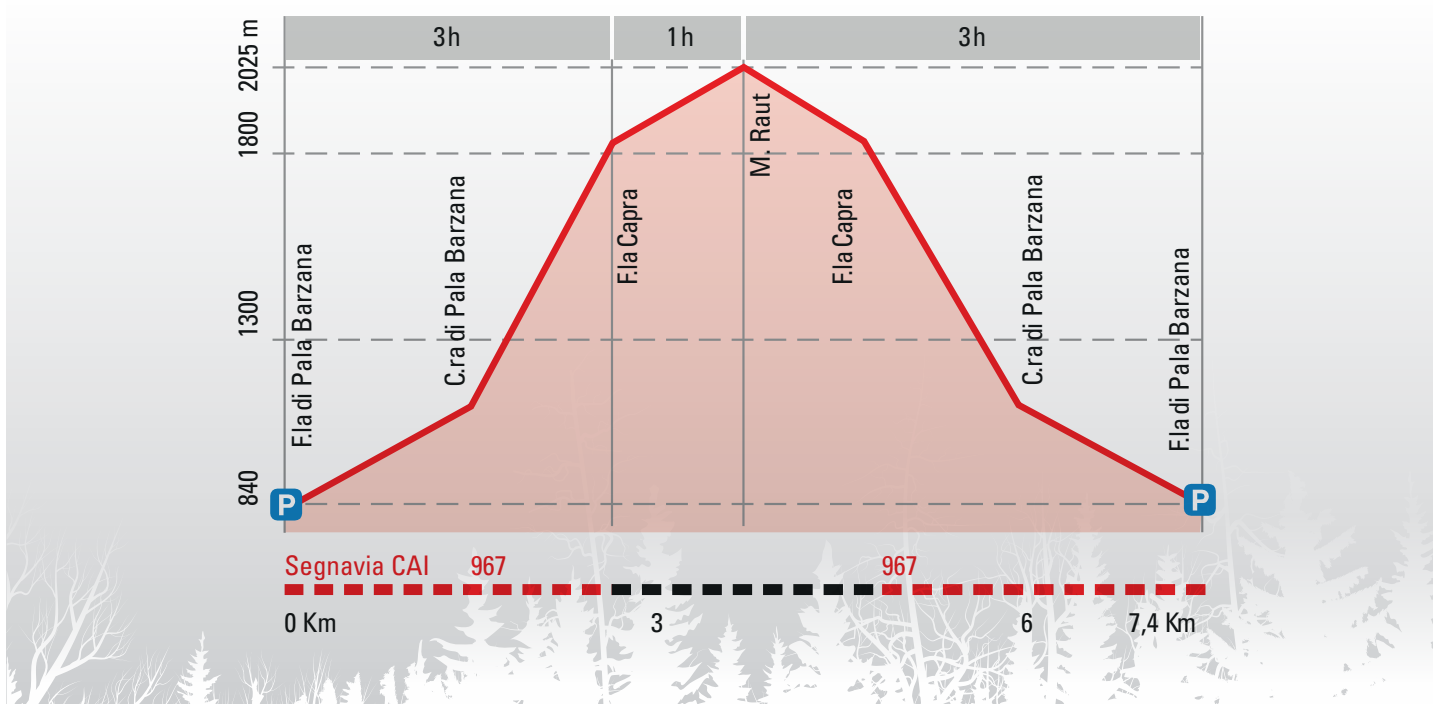
Mount Raut



PATH TAB

Municipality	Andreis (PN), Frisanco (PN)
Starting point	Saddle Pala Barzana (840m)
Arrival point	Mount Raut (2025m)
Recommended period	from May to September
Approximate walking time	7 - 8 hours
Peculiarities	Botanical (endemic flora), Geological (Periadriatic fault)
Points of interest	Karstic mount Raut, Periadriatic fault (geo-morphological phenomenon)
Markers	CAI 967
Cartography	Map Edizioni Tabacco Natural Park Friulian Dolomites; And Edizioni Tabacco #028
Support points	Not present

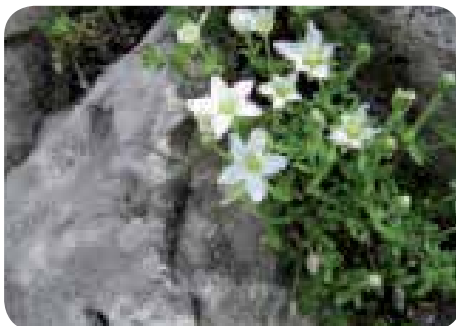
PATH ELEVATION AND CAI DIRECTIONS



Trail view



Sandstone of Huter



Periadriatic fault



PATH MAP

