

16. VAL CIMOLIANA CROSSING

TAGLIAMENTO VALLEY FROM HUT PORDENONE TO HUT GIAF

EXCURSIONS

Natural Park of the Friulian Dolomites

This route with little more than 800 meters in height is a true compendium of high-altitude dolomitic environments and landscapes.

After traveling the 13 monumental kilometers of Val Cimoliana surrounded by peaks and rock walls you leave your car at the parking near the hut Pordenone and you go on foot along the valley following the forest track until its end (the crossings are well marked with special tables of the Park Institution).

The trail (CAI 361) divides into two parts at Caseruta of Pecoli and it climbs up through fir and beech woods up to Casera Valbinon (or Valmenòn, 1778 m) open in summer; here you can refresh and in case, decide to spend the night (are available both a bivouac and an indoor part whose use may be previously agreed with the Park Authority). If you have two hours to spend it is highly recommend a detour

to the meadows of Canpuros to admire the magnificent summer blooms. From Casera follow the "Truoi dai Sclops" along one of its most scenic parts until you reach the mountain pass of Urtisièl (1990 m), the highest point of the path with a panoramic view of the upper Val Tagliamento. The descent initially takes place on a scree slope but the path is always quite broad and well-marked (be careful only after the winter period or after abundant rains because the track could be partly ruined). Under the stretch of scree begins a stunning crossing to left with views on the Cridola, Monfalconi di Forni groups and the entire Val di Giau.

The last part of the descent is on a long flight of steps that leads

directly to the hut Giau where you can stop and have some rest. In about 40 minutes you descend along a path or a forest track to the parking of the bridge Giau. Unfortunately, the public connections between these two points are very complicated and you have two options: either continue your hiking the next day returning on the same or another path (see the Ring of the Friulian Dolomites), or leave a car in each of the two points of departure and arrival. Despite the descent from the saddle of Urtisièl is not particularly exposed, it is recommended, to those who do not love scree slopes, to travel the route in the opposite direction from the Giau hut to the Pordenone one.



Caseruta dei pecoli



Valbinon



Valbinon



Towards the saddle of Urtisiel



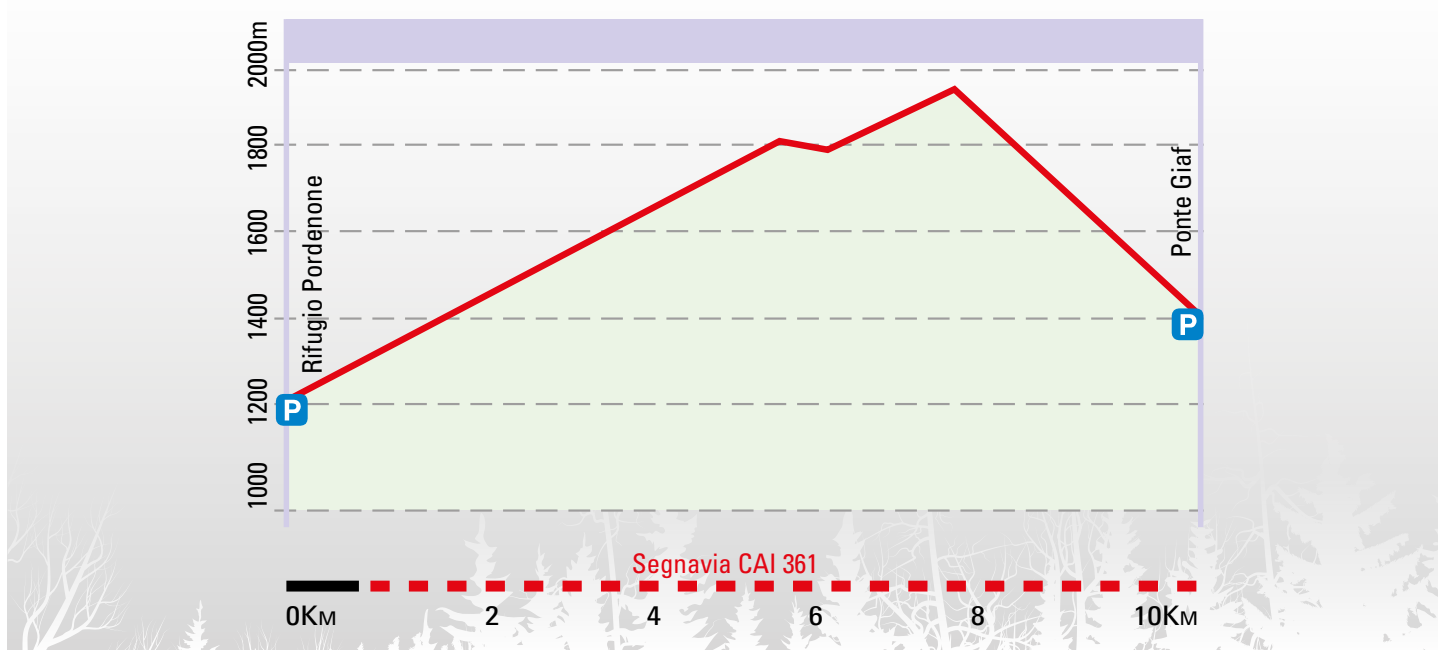
High Val Cimolana



PATH TAB

Municipality	Cimolais (PN), Forni di Sopra (UD)
Starting point	Parking at the hut Pordenone (Meluzzo), Cimolais (1163 m)
Arrival point	Parking at bridge Giaf, Forni di Sopra (UD) (1011 m)
Recommended period	mid-June – mid-October
Approximate walking time	6-8 hours
Peculiarities	geological (the walls and towers of the Dolomites) geomorphological (dolomite forms, scree slopes, glacial valleys and basins) botanical (flora typical of cliffs and screes, mountain pine forests and high-altitude larch trees) fauna (ungulates, birds of prey, eagle)
Points of interest	Panoramic views of Val Cimoliana, dolomite walls of Monfalconi di Forni and the Cridola Group
Markers	CAI 361
Cartography	Map Edizioni Tabacco Natural Park Friulian Dolomites
Support points	Hut Pordenone (1249 m), Casera Valbinon (1778 m) hut Giaf (1400 m)

PATH ELEVATION AND CAI DIRECTIONS



Towards Urtisiel



From the saddles of Urtisiel to hut Giaf



Hut Giaf



PATH MAP

