

Gherardi mountain hut at Piani d'Alben

Road access from Bergamo:

Valle Brembana - Valle Taleggio, at Sottochiesa follow for Pizzino, just before the village of Pizzino crossroads for Capo Foppa, ATTENTION: The road up from Pizzino to Capo Foppa is toll-free. Km. 54

Start of excursion:

Car parking Capo Foppa (1338 m.)

Travelling time:

4^h (a/r)

Height difference:

m. 405

Difficulties:



Tract for:

Rifugio Gherardi: easy asphalt/steep gravel road, moderately steep in places
Piani d'Alben, Rifugio Cesare Battisti: dirt track slightly uphill

Recommended period:

Late spring to autumn (in the absence of snow)

Water on the route:

NO

Rest stop:

Rifugio Gherardi Continuously open 30/6 - 15/9 (all year round on public holidays and public holidays)
Tel: 0345 67302

Information:

Municipality of Taleggio (Sottochiesa) Tel: 0345 47021

Topographical map:

IGM F.º 33 IV N.O. Barzio e F.º 33 IV S.O. Vedeseta

Geographical coordinates:

45,921887° N, 9,582605° E

Shortly before the village of Pizzino, following the signs for the Gherardi hut, take the asphalt road on the right that climbs in hairpin bends for just over 1 km to the last bend, from here the road continues on the plateau and after about 3 km reaches the houses of Quindicina. In the pastures around, you can still see the characteristic huts typical of the Taleggio Valley, with their steep pitched roofs covered with poplar, but there are only a few, because many of them have been renovated and some have been converted into chalets. At the height of the Quindicina houses, the road becomes unpaved and, after about 200 metres, ends at Capo Foppa in Via Arighiglio where you can park.



The driveway starts at the car park at the end of the road at Quindicina.



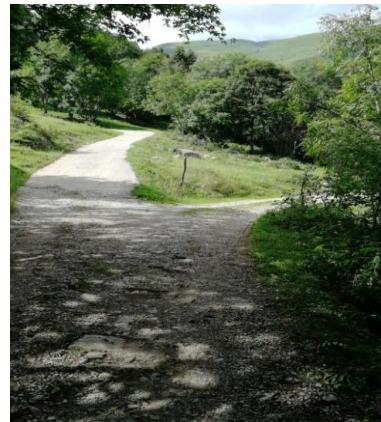
The driveway begins at the car park at the end of the Quindicina locality road. It is passable on foot, although the very beginning of this path at the pedestrian crossing next to the barrier has a bumpy surface. We take the obvious cemented road.



The road climbs with steep inclines in places. The road runs between meadows and forest, with a clear predominance of the former. The course is constantly uphill, not too steep, but with short stretches at a higher gradient, in these sections there is almost always a compact concrete surface.



At the first fork, we follow the cemented road to the left, always uphill.



At the fork, we get our bearings by reading the sign.



The width remains constant between approximately 3 and 4 m. The initial section of the road is cemented, then concrete and compact stretches alternate with gravel sections, which are noticeably uneven in places. We arrive at the Piazza Alben hut, which we find on our left.



We pass the waterhole on the right which is used to water cattle in the summer season.



We continue uphill again, in this section quite steeply.



Until you reach a nice flat area where you can see the beautiful Lightning Protection hut.



At the fork, we leave the road leading to the hut on the right and follow the dirt road to the left.



After some slightly challenging uphill stretches, we come into sight of the hut.



We reach the Gherardi refuge where we stop to rest.



Still wanting to walk, we follow a slightly uphill path just behind the refuge.



In about 15' / 20' we move towards the Alben plateau.



We reach the Piani d'Alben and the former Cesare Battisti refuge where our hike ends.



Past the pond, we admire the spectacle of the refuge.



From the Piani D'Alben, the view sweeps over the Piani di Artavaggio with the backdrop of the Grigne.

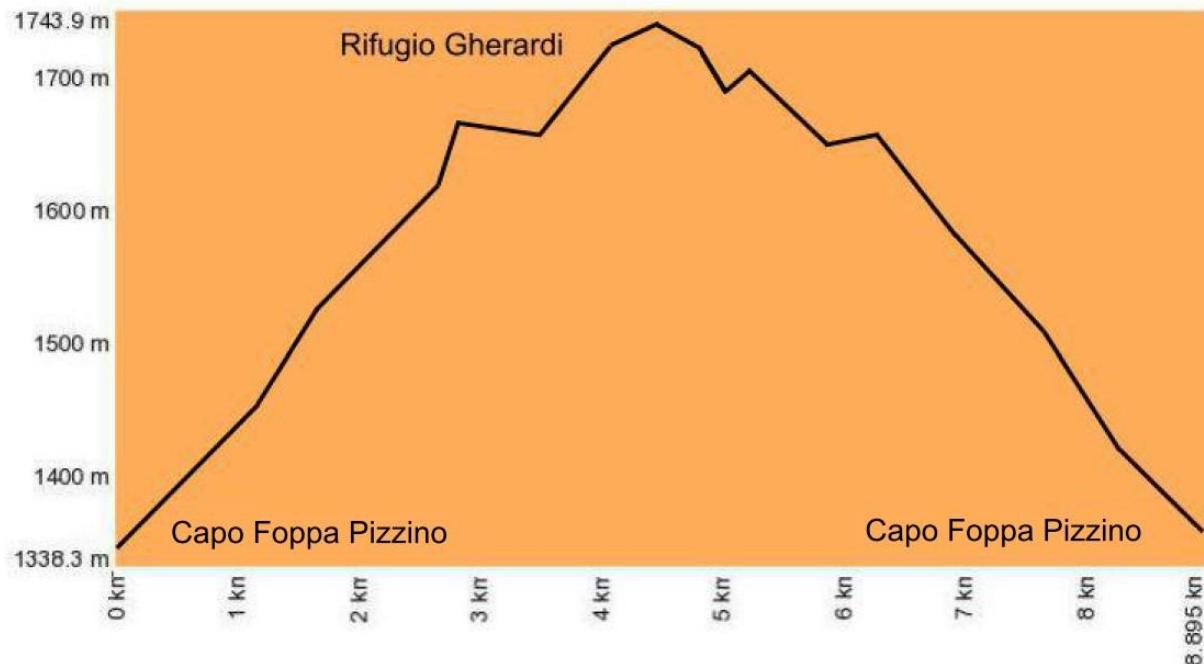


The Resegone can be seen in the background.



After enjoying the view, all we have to do is turn back and follow the path we took uphill.

Altimetry



Route Map

