

## 16. Via Ferrata Merlone -Cima Cadini (2.788m)

*A Via Ferrata with long ladders*



<b>Technical difficulty of the ferrata</b>	• • ○ ○ ○
<b>Total rating of the tour</b>	• • ○
<b>Via ferrata in detail</b>	35% steel ropes 30% ladders 35% exposed tracks
<b>Total duration</b>	ca. 5 hours
<b>Difference of altitude</b>	890 meters
<b>Duration ascent:</b>	ca. 1 ¾ hours
<b>Climbing time</b>	ca. 2 hours (incl. descent across the Ferrata) 280 meters in ascent & descent
<b>Duration descent</b>	ca. 1 ¼ hours (starting from the access of the Ferrata)
<b>Orientation</b>	west

**Arrival and starting point:** to Dobbiaco, turn left in direction Cortina until Carbonin. Turn left to the Misurina and further in direction [Rifugio Auronzo](#) hut (indications). After two curves turn right (following the signs to the hut, parking place). Across the path number 115 to the [Rifugio Fonda Savio](#) hut (2.367m).

**Difficulty and general information:** The west wall of the Cima Cadini Nord east gets over an exposed ladder row. In between there are exposed traverses, passages with steel ropes and not saved walking terrain. In the last part attention regarding thrown object hazard. Unfortunately, this ferrata is not one of the well-maintained tracks in surroundings of Cortina.

**Access:** From the [Rifugio Fonda Savio](#) further on the path number 116 till underneath the Cima Cadini Northwest and forward to the Cadin del Nevaio. On the marked path turn left (indication "Ferrata Merlone").

**Rout-Information:** scenically a nice mountain hike, which has about 100 meters of difference of altitude along ladders, hardly exposed and steeply upwards through. The uppers part requires mountain experience and foothold. The descent occurs back above the via ferrata, which should be considered at the planning of the tour (weather). For those who love long rows of ladders, this is the right ferrata.

**Characteristic and technical details:** Three long ladder rows, in between with steel ropes passages and towards the peak exposed walking terrain. The access to the begin of the steel ropes is simple climbing in exposed ground. The ladders as well as the rest of the steel ropes are from an older generation and should absolutely getting modernized. Attention: watch the status of the steel ropes and hooks. In case of unsecure and thundery weather the tour should be avoided.

**Descent:** The same way back, across the Via ferrata

