

20. Via Ferrata Marino Bianchi (3.154m)



On the Cima di Mezzo, besides the Monte Cristallo

Technical difficulty of the ferrata	● ● ● ○ ○
Total rating of the tour	● ● ○
Via ferrata in detail	95% steel ropes 5% ladders
Total duration	ca. 6 hours
Difference of altitude	1.100 meters
Duration ascent:	Access to the ferrata next to the mountain station of the funicular
Climbing time	ca. 3½ hours (incl. descent across the ferrata) 250 meters in ascent & descent
Orientation	northwest

Arrival and starting point: In direction to Cortina until the Passo Tre Croci, to the parking place next to the valley station of the chair lift San Forca. Drive-up with the chair lift to the [Rifugio San Forca hut](#) (2.215m). The further way to the Forcella Staunies has to be done by foot, because the gondola service has been given up (status April 2017); ca. 2 hours.

Difficulty and general information: Partly very exposed ferrata. A cliffy split in the upper part demands strength and skill (especially in the descent). Two airy ladders simplify the challenging wall grades. The steel ropes have been recently renewed, in which in the difficult parts of the route the ascent and descent have been separately saved, to avoid jam. In the early summer months, there can still be rests of snow.

Access: From the mountain station San Forca (2.918m) in northeaster direction through the more getting steeper valley until the Forcella Staunies. Further to the Rifugio Lorenzi hut (closed), where the Via Ferrata begins.

Rout-Information: A very interesting, but since the closing of the gondola Forcella Staunies, a very long summit tour. A varied Via Ferrata with some exposed passages. Attention in case of unstable weather (storm, rain, snow), because the descent is the same way back across the ferrata. The ascent can be combined with the short variant of the Sentiero attrezzato Ivano Dibona.

Characteristic and technical details: In parts, a very challenging ferrata, completely saved with steel ropes and ladders.

Descent: The same way back across the Via Ferrata

