

# D-Via Francisca

## Leg 02



### Technical overview

#### Itinerario Variante bassa

Departure  
>> Samolaco 216 m

Arrival  
>> Gordona 265 m

Duration  
>> 3 hours

Total Distance  
>> 8,37 km

Difficulty  
>> T

Elevation gain  
>> 222 m

Elevation loss  
>> 166 m

Low point  
>> 216 m

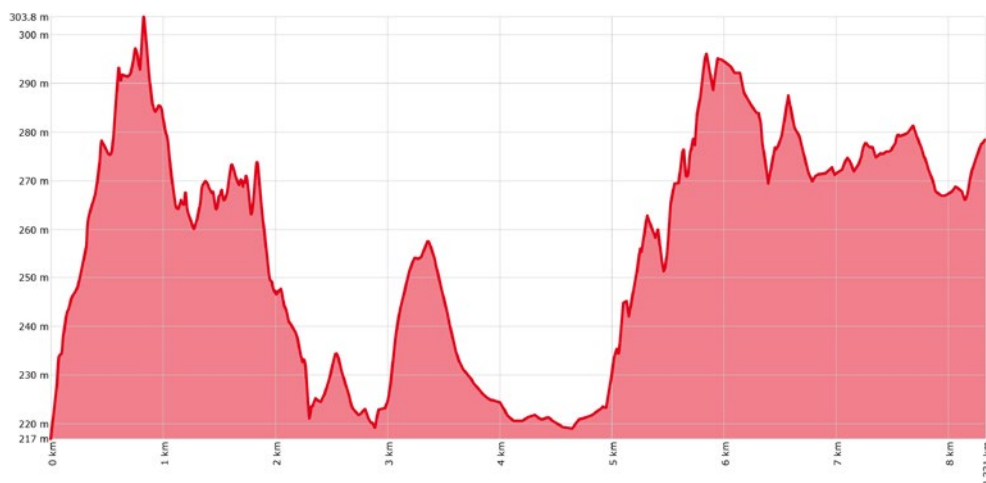
High point  
>> 289 m

#### Itinerario Variante alta

Duration  
>> 4 hours and 15 min

Difficulty  
>> E

### Altimetry



## Description

From **Samolaco** we head to **Montenuovo** following the asphalt road that begins in via alla Chiesa; at the fork we turn right on a mule track that, after a couple houses, turns into a **trail (276 m, 0.7 km)** that leads into the woods across **Mòort valley** and reaches the fork called “dei Mulini” and one of the first niches of the Via Crucis that climbs up to the church of S. Andrea. From there we continue across the **valley of the Era** and reach the small village of **Nogaredo (239 m, 2 km)**. After fording the **Bolgadregna creek**, we walk by the houses of **Schenone** and cut across **Marana valley**; we continue on the cart-way on the right and reach strada di Pedemonte and a signpost on the right; here we climb the steps of the **Stradina delle Fontane** on the left, which takes us to **San Pietro (250 m, 3.4 km)**. Once we reach the main square we can choose between two paths to get to **Boggia**: the first continues flat and runs along the Mera river, at the feet of the Segname cliff, while the second option is more demanding, since it climbs up to the houses of Ronscione, reaches the Tower of Segname and then descends to merge with the lower path.

## Low route option

We climb down on via Overina and take the **cart-way on the left (niche, 224 m, 0.4 km from the fork)**, then continue on flat land across the fields and to the ruins of Cesura and the **niche of Casletto (223 m, 1.6 km)**. Here the cobblestone path runs along the river banks at the feet of the Segname cliff; a ramp leads to the **ruins of Muntée** and then runs on flat land again to the ancient **chapel “della Boggia” (255 m, 3.1 km)**, where it connects with the higher path.

## High route option

From the square of San Pietro we climb on the left in via Tonaia and continue on asphalt road to Ronscione, we cross the Mengasca creek and, nearby the last houses of **Ronscione (292 m, 0.8 km from the detour)**, we take the path that climbs to **Cà Vanoni**. We pass through the small valleys of Carletta and Carin and turn right in order to walk around the hill with the **ruins of Roncàsc**. The path turns back into the woods and bends to the left, climbs over a slope with the remains of an isolated mountain cabin, behind which we come upon a fork: if we take the right path we head straight to the Tower of Segname on a path that is fairly hard and suitable for experts, while if we take the larger mule track on the left, we continue on an easier route. The two paths merge again higher up, where we turn to the right to tackle the last stretch to the **Tower of Segname (567 m, 2.3 km)**. From there we walk downhill and northbound, following the mountain ridge to the chapel and the **bridge on the Boggia creek (254 m, 3.8 km)**.

This leg of the itinerary continues along the ancient road that leads to the first houses of **Gordona**, on via Pendoglia **(287 m, 7.4 km)**. We reach the village centre by keeping right and then following via Piazzoli. We continue on that street up to the roundabout, then make a right on via Mera and reach the mule track on the left (via S. Caterina), which connects the niches of the Via Crucis and leads to the hilltop with the **church of S. Caterina**.