

Tour: Costapiana (665m) - Piz Vogorno (2442m) - Il Madone (2395m)

I reached the Piz Vogorno in the past but this time I wanted to go there again making a ring around to climb even Il Madone, his neighbor. In obtaining the documentation I found an excellent description of Jules and his father ([Jules's Report](#)) whom I thank and greet. I even accepted his advice to make the path counterclockwise because I would like to reach first Il Madone and, in case of difficulty, skip Piz Vogorno, already known to me, and return the same way. However, I did not note that the path departing from Costapiana led to Alpe Bardughè while the trail to Moscioi and Madone begins two road bends below the pleasant village. After a long but not tiring path in the woods, having cursed the GPS persisting to indicate the opposite direction and waiting to meet a detour to Il Madone, I met a nice Swiss German but speaking an excellent English that revealed me the mystery. So, resigned, I continued towards Piz Vogorno, through the beautiful Alpe Bardughè; there the music begins to change and the easy road gets a little narrower and more rugged. You climb on the western flank of the valley whose center is traversed by a stream of evocating and accompanying sound until you emerge at 2175m on the N ridge that leads to the summit. This time I wanted to avoid the most comfortable path leading first to cross the E ridge and then the peak for the grassy slope, opting for a fun climbing on the rocks of the SW side with some sheep who silently watched my performance. I reached the summit, took a lot of pictures, ate my snacks inviting the nice sheep to the banquet, then I gathered the ideas, set the GPS (which now worked perfectly). I greeted the Swiss who meanwhile joined me and began the descent along the E ridge, outlining a rampart and then I landed in the lower valley, then circumnavigated the North side reaching the Bocchetta Rognoi where a signboard indicates the downhill to Lavertezzo (N), to Alpe Locia (S) and NOTHING for Il Madone. In fact the trail was well marked until there but disappeared in the direction interesting me; so I walked thoughtfully relying on GPS, on sheep tracks, on the ridge which formed the boundary and rising with several leaps to Il Madone. Despite all these "tools" often I chose to climb on the rocks on the left because I could not find anything more comfortable. Many times I have been leaving the ascent because the forces were rapidly eclipsing but the will to continue helped me till the bottom, or rather till the top. Enriched my photo album, signed the summit book, I noted that below me there were still sheep and I thought they should be risen from somewhere; so I found a better path down and returned to Bocchetta Rognoi I walked towards Alpe Locia by a well-marked trail again. I went through Rienza, Moscioi till Costapiana passing near wonderful waterfalls and pools of water whose sound was accompanying this last stage. After a new, short ascent to reach my car from the 2nd road bend I finally had a happy refreshment after my last adventure.

Key data:

Altitude difference 2056m

Total length 18.3 km

Average gradient 20%

Ascent 2056 m

Descent 2038 m

Total time 9h38' ; excluding stops 9h02'

Place	Partial t.	Progressive t.	Place	Partial t.	Progressive t.
Corte Nuovo	1h13'	1h13'	Alpe Bardughè	0h44'	1h57'
Sosta	0h08'	2h05'	Piz Vogorno	2h05'	4h11'
Sosta	0h16'	4h27'	Bocch.Rognoi	0h47'	5h14'
Il Madone	1h05'	6h20'	Sosta	0h12'	6h31'
Rienza	1h37'	8h09'	Moscioi	0h25'	8h33'
Costapiana	1h04'	9h38'			