

## Anello: Rovio-A.Perostabio-Variante-Ferrata Angelino-M.Generoso-Arogno-Rovio

(I point out that the ranking T6 refers only to the part Alpe Perostabio Baraghetto; the remainder, excluding the via ferrata Angelino and the equipped trail to M.Generoso, applies T2).

Despite having already walked several times the (not recommended) trail called Variante from Rovio to M. Generoso, this winter I tried it again with my snowshoes but shortly after Alpe Perostabio I had lost the orientation and came back. I left for me to pay this debt of honor but again I have found that this path, difficult enough in the past, is today considered obsolete and dangerous, so no maintenance is provided and the very rare marks are inadequate and confusing. I must acknowledge that after the A. Perostabio the marks almost absent suddenly become sporadic (ie occasional rather than absent) and seem to bring in the right direction ie in the Western steep slope of Generoso.

Unfortunately for me, at some point the rare marks led me on a really hazardous path that did not remind me the Variante I knew years ago. I was really higher and more northerly and exposed than expected and there was no trace of ropes or chains "handrail". On the left I saw instead approaching the Baraghetto towers and I could see the stairs of Ferrata Angelino, which I rose this winter (\*) and I planned to repeat today (*repetita iuvant!*). After briefly following a tenuous trail that seemed to bring to the South I abandoned the idea to complete the Variante and decided to tackle the Ferrata immediately.

So I did, going round the towers at the base I went to the access and I climbed the Ferrata Angelino with fun and not strenuous but "assisted" climb. After crossing the bridge I descended to the saddle where ends the Variante trail (but then there is still!) and then I reached the summit of M. Generoso. Here I planned to leave any problem and follow a route to north first till Passo Crocette; there I left the right path to Orimento and I followed instead the left (NE) trail towards Cima Crocetta and Alpe d'Arogno; then I went down and West to meet with a beautiful "pista vita" built by Zurich Insurance that leads to Rovio.

This return route is really not difficult, it takes place mainly in the wood and is very enjoyable.

(\*) <http://www.hikr.org/tour/post20628.html>

### Key data:

Altitude difference 1546m

Total length 13.97 km

Average uphill slope 24% - down 17%

Total time 7h11' all-inclusive (resting time approx. 30' and Ferrata climbing 40')

Rovio- M. Generoso: **4h05'**

M.Generoso-Rovio: **3h06'**

SLE ascent = 12.65 +5.28 = 17.93 km - @ 5km / h = 3h35' + ferrata 40' = **4h15'**

SLE descent = 14.94 +8.69 = 23.63 km - @ 7 km / h = **3h22'**