

## Tour: Arosio (860m) - M.Gradiccioli (1936m) - M.Tamaro (1962m) - Arosio

I already did a similar climb years ago rising from Arosio shortly after Alpe Agario and arriving at the foot of Monte Pola, then from there I climbed the Gradiccioli, the Tamaro and Gradiccioli again, returning to the valley by the same route . But that was a challenge to myself which I'll talk about another time. Today I wanted to ascend again the two peaks touching and maybe even climb Monte Ferraro and I would return to Arosio from Tamaro cutting the eastern valley over Torricella. However, despite the GPS, the maps (maybe a bit out of date), etc I left to drive myself, instead of these tools, from the comfort of a paved road and I followed it even if I felt that was not the right one, I did not like it and I felt it was too spreading eastward; I also jumped off an indication on the left that promised Monte Ferraro. At last I saw a junction (1) where a path on the left reported Gradiccioli and Tamaro. Hereafter there was only the fatigue of climbing lonely along the wood and riding the ridge that rises to Gradiccioli (ride is a euphemism that recalls the four feet style I would like to use sometimes). After the summit stop, got a few photos I ran down to the Bassa di Indemini that is a saddle between the two peaks and then I rose up the Tamaro, heartened by the recent relief. There I had my "great" meal for an half hour, I took pictures, exchanged a few words with three Swiss-German who have appeared in the meantime, and then I returned down. When I reached the Bassa di Indemini I followed for approx. 100m the indications on the left and shortly after I encountered a sign which stated "Arosio" just like I planned at home. But here again I ended up in trouble: the path I was following was attractive, broad and marked, it took place in the forest on a carpet of pine needles ... but ... it was not what I thought. In fact, this was much longer than the planned 8.3 km, had always altitude between 1300 and 1200 m, it was full of ups and downs and linked to all the Alps of the world: I passed Alpe Canigiolo, Alpe Cusello, Alpe Farè and Alpe Torricella. Moreover, after Alpe Cusello, the beautiful path became a paved road , boring, which put a strain on the boots but mostly on their content. As God has willed at the end I found myself at the junction described above (see 1) from which I slowly back down to Arosio. Never again I'll walk this road.

What can we say? Gradiccioli and Tamaro are always two desired destinations and give you a lot of satisfaction, the day was beautiful and the view was excellent. Do not complain!

### Key data:

Real altitude difference 1359m

Total length km 21.71

Average slope 14% to Gradiccioli, 27% to Tamaro, 9% the return

Total time 7h19' ; including stop 7h35'

Ascent to Gradiccioli **2h57'**

Ascent to Tamaro **1h12'**

Return **3h10'**

### Extimated times:

SLE to Gradiccioli (7.36+10.49) @5km/h → **3h34'**

SLE to Tamaro (1.27+2.03) @7km/h + (1.27+2.41) @5km/h → **1h12'**

SLE for return (11.81+11.56) @7km/h → **3h20'**