

Tour: Cabbio (660m) - Sasso Gordona (1410m) - Poncione di Cabbio (1263m) - Cabbio

(T2 rank is for the most of the tour; T4 applies only to the climb to Sasso Gordona with snow)

These days we all had to deal with bad weather, more water than snow, which has often penalized the projects of many of us, including those more fortunate, like me, who can plan their trips during the week. So, having listened to the weather, arranged the things to do I decided to make a brief raid in Cabbio, go to the Sasso Gordona, walk on a circular route back to Cabbio; all must keep me busy no more than half a day. So, provided with maps, tools, accessories and my "calculations", that for better or for worse many of us discussed recently, I planned my trip that promised to use 2h44' to climb up and 2h01' to return, for a total of 4h45'.

Very satisfied I started under a still cloudy sky with few drops that still falling but already with some little gashes; I had no doubts: the weather was in my favour, so I wore my boots at 8:15 in the parking and began to climb up between the low mist that still enveloped the landscape while leaving a glimpse of blue skies but also large patches of snow on my peaks. I was optimistic, then I left the snowshoes in the car and tried to find the "attack" that is the beginning of the path, very often is hardest to find it. I asked information to a nice old man but I saw him doubtful (he sent me to Uggine) for which I entrusted myself on the technological and often reviled GPS to find the right way. The path takes place, without much effort, slightly below the ridge that separates the Val Luasca to West from Val di Crotta and Val Cugnolo to East, just along its eastern side touching the remains of many old buildings, that today are no longer needed to anyone, till to reach the saddle where is the Rifugio Prabello in view of the imposing but not high Sasso Gordona. Furthermore yesterday, whitened by the recent snowfall, assumed almost an Himalayan aspect:



Having read the warnings on the trail dangers from there onwards (which I already knew), I started along the West ridge of Sasso trying to follow the few clues (some short chain or handrail) guessing the trail and the rocks covered by the snow. The ascent was quick and fun but the boots without crampons sometimes tried to turn into Ski and skidded sideways. From the top I returned for the same route to the hut and then climbed from there to Poncione di Cabbio that is a soft summit without pretensions. After I came down to reach the path that leads to Alpe Bonello where you can go either to Cabbio or Muggio. Overall I had satisfaction from my tour, limited commitment that has allowed me to reach my car at 13.00. And there, I had another nice confirmation. Time spent: 4h44'.... That's incredible!

Key data:

Real altitude difference 805m

Total length km 12.90

Average slope 12%

Total time 4h44' (including short stops)

Ascent to Sasso Gordona **2h28'**

Return **2h16'**

Estimated times:

SLE to Sasso Gordona (7.5+6.16) @5km/h → **2h44'**

SLE return (7.5+6.74) @7km/h → **2h01'**

(Note: The climb to Poncione di Cabbio was not planned so it was not included in the foreseen times)