

## **From Soresina (550m) to the base of Motto Rotondo (1865m) and back**

Waiting to try again to climb the Monte Tamaro from Alpe Neggia after the unsuccessful attempt with **Tapio** I wanted try a tour that I already made on summer going up to Monte Tamaro from the East, via Alpe Foppa, Capanna Tamaro and back via the other side of the eastern valley through Alpe Duragno. As often happens, the idea was good but the performance much less. Initially, the route runs in a northern direction until it reaches the Monti di Spina and then along paths that often intersect a track that climbs to Alpe Foppa, you arrive there, passing 3-4 times under the cable car that climbs from Rivera. There, the snow appeared to be more consistent and annoying until I was forced to wear my snowshoes to Corte di Sopra, after trying several times that the snow was extremely soft under a layer seeming able to sustain my weight. Shortly after I did not see a fork and began to climb along a ridge that leads to the Rifugio Rotondo but was really impossible to walk in those conditions. I corrected my error coming back till the fork and walking a comfortable and wide path (on summer, not now) that climbs with several bends on the NW side of the ridge mentioned above; but a lot of avalanches of frozen snow hampered, hiding it, the easy path that often was covered and the only way to go on was to overtake them until to find again the original track. The action became more and more difficult despite the above Capanna Rotondo seemed always very near but never arrived. Finally I reached it and I could have a little breath till the Capanna Tamaro; more with my head than with my legs I tried to proceed towards the Monte Tamaro that was given distant 30' but that seemed to me distant 3 hours until I came to q.1865m under the Motto Rotondo. I put away my ambition then I did a stop for lunch and after I was preparing to descend aware that to persist in that situation would be a great and dangerous error of assessment of my ability. At this point, I dropped the initial idea to go down via the Alpe Duragno because the slope of the valley below was very worrying especially because any accident that has forced me to climb back again would be a disaster with my resources now decimated. So I went back to retrace my path skipping again the avalanches but I had a terrible muscle tear to a thigh preventing me from even moving the left foot for 5 minutes; luckily the pain was relieved and I could go back to my car, on the whole, in fair condition.

**.....now, at home I discover to be the first HIKR arrived .... here from there...by snowshoes until now! Great satisfaction!**

### **Travel times:**

Soresina – Under Motto Rotondo **4h25'**

Back **3h50'**

### **Key data:**

Real altitude difference ascent **1375m** ; descent **1320m**

Total length **18.7** km

Average ascending slope ab. **14%**

Total time **7h45'** net; **8h15'** stops included

Estimated time **7h55'**

SLE = **46.63** km

**Tapio:** <http://www.hikr.org/tour/post33077.html>