

Gita al Monte Campo dei Fiori (Punta di Mezzo)

Giulio [u gbal] says:

This is a title perhaps of little interest for most of us, used to read or to do much more bombastic enterprises. Basically Campo dei Fiori is a small mountain where you go for a million of reasons, but certainly not to make a "first ascent".

But, for me and my little "helpmate" today was an opportunity to live together our little but greedy adventure, a grandfather and a granddaughter. [u Kiko], Nicole is her name, lives far away from me and we can share our respective achievements (many for her, as young woman facing to the life) only via internet (and fortunately there's the Web!).

But now she is here for the holidays and at once we decide. I thought a lot of projects but immediately I have to resize them; the smallest of the harness I have is really wide and not very safe for her. The time available, as popular granddaughter of many grandparents and uncles, cousin of many cousins, is not enough. On the other hand, at her age, even a small peak as Campo dei Fiori is a wished and important conquest and may excite so here we go.

Contrary to my habit of "head down and go ahead," we grant a great "cappuccino" with a pastry along the way and then we arrive at the parking in front of Pensione Irma, known to visitors to the mountain of Varese.

Here we change ourselves into walkers and head towards the terrace where starts the path n.1 that leads to ForteOrino. A pleasant walk, Nicole has not the slightest difficulty in keeping my pace, indeed! Not for nothing she is racing competitively in many sports: swimming (recently she crossed for ½ mile a bay on Lake Ontario), soccer, running, skiing, etc.. We spend our time chatting about everything and looking forward to everything that happens. Not long after we leave to our left the path n.1 and we take a steep path on our right which leads first to a clearing, even equipped with a sleeve of wind, from which sometimes the hang gliders take off, and then with a hard trail leads us to the highest peak of Monte Campo dei Fiori: Punta di Mezzo of 1226m. We spend a nice stop to admire the view, however, a bit "smoky", that on the north side overlooks the Valcuvia, and then we explore the first part of the ridge that after a short trip descends to cross again the trail n.1 near the way to Fontana Rossa.

But we won by nettles, by the hunger (Nicole), and by the need not to venture too far we went quickly back to the car and then home where a good lunch rewarded the young beginner!

I'll see you on the next adventure, Nicole!

Nicole [u Kiko] says:

I really liked the hike we did and I loved spending time with just my Nonno. I hope that I will get to do it again(This time maybe we can bring some food). I can't wait until next time!!!! Bye, Nicole [u Kiko]

Pillole....di sudore e di fatica:

Dislivello salita/discesa **165m**

Lunghezza totale **4,35 km**

Tempo totale lordo **1h50'**