

AREA

Dolomites– Lagazuoi - Fanes

FACE

Northwest

DIFFICULTY

Medium

TIME

4 hours

BEAUTY

4

NOTES

Only recommended in good weather conditions. The gully descent close to the “De le Lagacio” lake is demanding on hard packed or icy snow.

ASCENT

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DESCENT

1032 m

POPULARITY

Low

GEAR

Normal equipment for winter walking, snowshoes and poles, lightweight crampons and ice axe.

INTRODUCTION

This is a beautiful outing thanks to the magnificent surroundings and the steep rock faces that tower high above. The imposing SW Face of Cima Scottoni dominates all: first climbed by the Sciattoli L. Lacedelli, L. Ghedina and G. Lorenzi in 1952, their chosen direct line is still considered one of the most beautiful and demanding in the Dolomites. The three climbers needed two days to reach the summit, after having told their wives that they were just going to have a quick look at the wall. And would obviously be back in time for dinner...

GETTING THERE

From Cortina d'Ampezzo to Passo Falzarego (SS 48).

ACCESS

Take the Funivia del Lagazuoi cable car to Rifugio Lagazuoi (2752m).

DESCRIPTION

Admire the incredible 360° panorama from Rifugio Lagazuoi and then walk down alongside the piste to the sign Armentarola – Capanna Alpina. Continue past this to reach the “Monte de Lagazuoi” plateau and then follow path no. 20 to descend slowly towards the imposing Cima Scottoni. Reach the end of the plateau, marked by the frozen lake “De le Lagacio”, after about 2 hours of easy walking. Pay particular attention when descending the long and steep gully that leads down to a beautiful wooden church, the only remains of an Austrian First World War cemetery. Walk past this and reach Rifugio Scottoni (1985m) shortly afterwards. After a well-earned rest (don't miss out on some of the

irresistible specialities) continue along the piste once again for about 150m to then turn off sharply right onto a path into the woods. This leads down through the forest to Rifugio Capanna Alpina (1720m) in about 1 hour.

RETURN

From Rifugio Capanna Alpina take the shuttle service back to Passo Falzarego.

LINKS

<http://cortina.dolomiti.org>

<http://www.planetmountain.com>

<http://www.guidecortina.com>

