

# Ferrata Cesare Piazzetta

## AREA

Dolomites - Sella

## PEAK

Piz Boé

## FACE

South

## ALTITUDE

3152 m

## DIFFICULTY

Very Difficult

## TIME

4-6 hours

## BEAUTY

4

## DESCRIPTION OF DIFFICULTY

Demanding itinerary, especially at the start. Experience and good footwork required, especially since some sections are not equipped. A rope may be found useful for the start and the final summit crest.

## TOTAL ASCENT

900 m

## FERRATA ASCENT

300 m

## PERIOD

June - October

## POPULARITY

Medium

## GEAR

Normal via ferrata kit.

## INTRODUCTION

Ferrata Piazzetta is one of the most demanding itineraries of its kind. The near vertical start can only be ascending with the help of the in-situ gear, and good footwork is a necessary pre-requisite. The final section leading to the summit is less steep but, since only partly equipped, demands due attention.

## GETTING THERE

From Canazei in Val di Fassa or Arabba drive to Passo Pordoi.

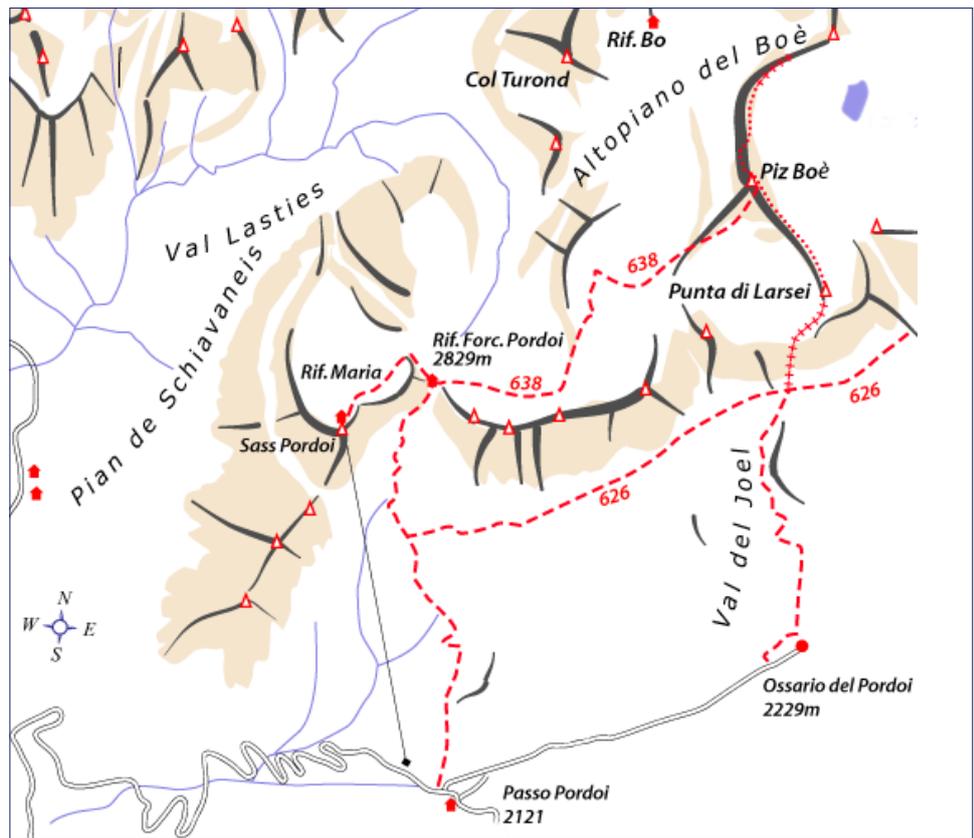
## ACCESS

Park the car at the pass and take the cable car to the Sass Pordoi summit, to then walk down the Pordoi gully before traversing eastwards to the base of the ferrata along paths no. 638 and 7. Alternatively, take the path from the pass to the base of the scree gully to traverse off rightwards along path no.7

A third possibility consists in driving to the First World War memorial and then taking the steep path to the base of the ferrata (1.30 hours).

## ASCENT

The base of the ferrata is situated on the A metal plaque marks the start of the ferrata: start immediately by following cables up a yellow/grey vertical wall. The line zigzags up small ledges first left then right. Good footwork renders things much easier! At the end of this brusque start traverse left



along a good ledge to reach a narrow chimney. Follow this to then return to a small suspension bridge. Walk across this and continue up steep but easy rock steps to reach the final crest. The major difficulties are over and done with - now scramble up without the use of fixed cables along the crest. To finish either follow the path leftwards (west) to Forc. Pordoi, or continue along the stepped crest to join up with path no. 638 that leads up to the Piz Boé summit (3152m).

## DESCENT

For those who have chosen not to reach the summit of Piz Boé, reach Forc. Pordoi and descend the scree gully all the way down to Passo Pordoi. From the summit of Piz Boé either descend north to the Refugio Boé or return, along path no. 638, to Forc. Pordoi.

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