WHY THE CIVETTA CIRCUIT TRAIL?



To further promote the areas recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and with the help of funding from the Veneto Region, CAI Veneto has developed a number of innovative "information" projects aimed at the new generations, as a stimulus to find out more about the Dolomite mountains and frequent them in safety. There are three top quality synergic initiatives:

WHAT IS A TALKING TRAIL?

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Choose a path from among those available. As you follow it, you will receive a message proach a "talking point" where you can activate the audio guide giving information on the environment, orientation and points of cultural interest your magnificent excursion.

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This App is dedicated to everyone who loves walking

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 - Looking at images and watching video clips - Listening to the audio recordings -simply reading the texts You can access all this information by:

Italian, the App is automatically available in English. If your smartphone is configured in a language other than



Precisely because of its geomorphology, this circular trail is an excellent way to get to know this great massif situated between the Cordevole valley in the Agordino region and the Maè valley in the Zoldano region. The Civetta in general and its imposing north-west face in particular have always been admired for their absolute verticality, made up of towers, needles and precipices. The call of the Civetta is one few climbers have been able to resist and in 1925, this led to opening of the first Grade Six in the Dolomites, the famous Via Solleder - Lettembauer. For those who prefer rewarding walks to climbing, the Civetta offers a variegated spectacle of well-maintained and clearly indicated footpaths, including the Dolomites Alta Via 1, while further up the mountain, modelling of the glacial cirgues by time and erosion has created a myriad of fascinating peaks, towers and needles. Apart from building mountain refuges to act as a well-deserved logistics base and shelter, man has never been able to do much to keep this splendid context as unspoilt and natural as possible, neither has he wanted to.

An integral part of Dolomites World Heritage Site System 3, the Civetta awaits you to recount its story to all those who have yet to make its acquaintance.





HAPPY WALKING!











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THE ANELLO **DELLA CIVETTA**



1. PIAN DE LE TAJE



From the Pian de le Taje viewpoint, you can admire not just the famous towers and more distant mountains, but also the typical vegetation series of the Dolomites. The name "Pian de le Taje" indi-cates that man once worked here, amassing tree trunks of a commercial 4 m length known as taje, cut and gathered from the vast woods

2. VAN DELLE SASSE



The ancient name of the Van delle Sasse was "Busazza" (big hole). This is the Civet-ta's most beautiful glacial cirque, resembling the palm of a giant stone hand. This "amphitheatre" was formed over thousands of years by a small glacier (Stadio di Daun) eroded and shaped which ` the rocks on the bottom and walls

3. FORCELLA DELLE SASSE



se, the panorama stretches to the north-east from the Pelmo massif and Antelao to the Val di Zoldo with the peaks of the Bosconero group; while to-wards the south-west, it dominates the whole Van de le Sasse surrounded by the peaks of the Busazza, Castello della Busazza, Torre Trieste and the peaks of the Moiazza, with the Pale di San Lucano and Agner in the background.



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You are crossing a vast detri-tal glacis with a broad thalweg (hence the name Livinal Grant) in a highly suggestive hanging glacier environment with in-tensive erosion phenomena. Although the species richness in these environments is low, the vegetation is highly characteristic, with a mosaic of the series of communities typical of high altitude carbo nate scree

5. COLDAI MOUNTAIN REFUGE



_ocated at the extreme north of the majestic Civetta group at the head of the precipitous Val de le Ziolére, near Forcel-la Coldai. One of the starting points for the circuit, it can be reached from the historic Malga Pioda (1816 m) in about an hour along CAI footpath no. 556

The small but suggestive

MINIMUM HEIGHT: 1.618 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT: 2.476 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT (with Torrani mountain refuge): 2.984 m

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TRAVEL TIME CLOCKWISE: 10h (14h with Torrani mountain refuge)

TRAVEL TIME COUNTER-CLOCKWISE:

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7. TISSI MOUNTAIN REFUGE

Along the Alta Via delle Dolomiti



_ake Coldai further enhar ces this imposing place. Of glacial origin and sur-rounded by a rocky sill, it is about 10 m deep and fed largely by underground melt waters flowing across scree. Despite its small size, the basin has preserved its characteristics



the Refuge is an excellent logi stics base for climbers wanting a north-west itinerary and walkers following the Civetta Circuit. The awe-inspiring gift of a sunset on the "Parete delle Pareti" rock face conjures up a history written by the numerous exploits of the great climbers who have marked the evolution of climbing until today.



8. PIAN DE LA LÒRA

tude of about 2000 metres is a sweeping gently sloping meadow situated between Forzelète and "Col Reàn". The lake which forms there at the beginning of summer is an enthralling eme-rald jewel, a source of amaze-ment and wonder and an at-traction for both those passing there by chance and those who go there deliberately to verify its seasonal presence.

📕 The Pian de la Lora at an alti-

9. PIAN DI PELSA

6. LAKE COLDAI



The Pian di Pelsa (1890 m) is a broad grassy clearing used as pasture under the imposing bulk of the Torre Venezia, with a view stretching from the extreme south of the Civetta to the bastions of the Moiazza and Framont in the distance. This spectacular grassy expanse is emblematic of the , most classical Dolomite landscape.

10. VAZZOLER MOUNTAIN REFUGE



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A logistics point on the Alta Via delle Dolomiti 1, the refuge also makes a convenient overnight stopping point for walkers wanting to follow the Civetta Circuit over a number of days. Alongside the Re-fuge is an Alpine Botanical Garden named after Antonio Segni. It can be reached comfortably on foot from the Capanna Trieste access point along the forest and farm track closed to traffic.

11. TORRANI MOUNTAIN REFUGE



Situated along the Via Normale climbing route to the Civetta, it can only be reached by passing the famous "Passo del Tenente" (equipped with climbing aids) and other far from simple sections, always equipped with aids. The refuge is located near the Pian de la Tenda, a large rocky saddle on the south side of the Grande Civetta. It is not included on the Circuit, precisely because of the demanding nature of all the access routes.







Area of Naturalist interest

