



## ***“Alta Via” trail through Val Sissone AV301-305***



Starting from Chiareggio (1600m) follow the main road up to “Pian del Lupo” site, where it is possible to leave the car. From here there are already many signs pointing to different trails and huts: follow directions for Del Grande Camerini. The path goes further along the rocky bottom of the valley and enters a fir wood, passing by a few small cabins.

After passing the bridge over Mallero creek, the hiker should ignore the signs for “Alpi Vazzeda” and continue along the dirt road to the end of it, where a smaller road on the right leads to the nearby Forbicina’s chalets. Past the site, the road continues towards the higher Laresin chalets, the last inhabited area before entering Val Sissone. At that point the trail leaves the road, that leads to Tartaglione Hut, and heads south-west, entering Val Sissone. Ignore the signs for the direct trail (325) to the hut, which goes through Alpe Sissone, and continue along the bottom of the valley, passing downhill the valley’s basin and its woods wrecked by past avalanches. The path passes through rocky debris and the last alder bushes to climb up on the north side of the valley. Later it turns sharply north-ward along the moraine (rocky debris) that faces the Disgrazia glacier.

Once passed a small valley with a long waterfall, the path follows the CAI and Alta Via signs (yellow triangles), moving on the slope on the right of the valley. A steep stretch brings to an upper

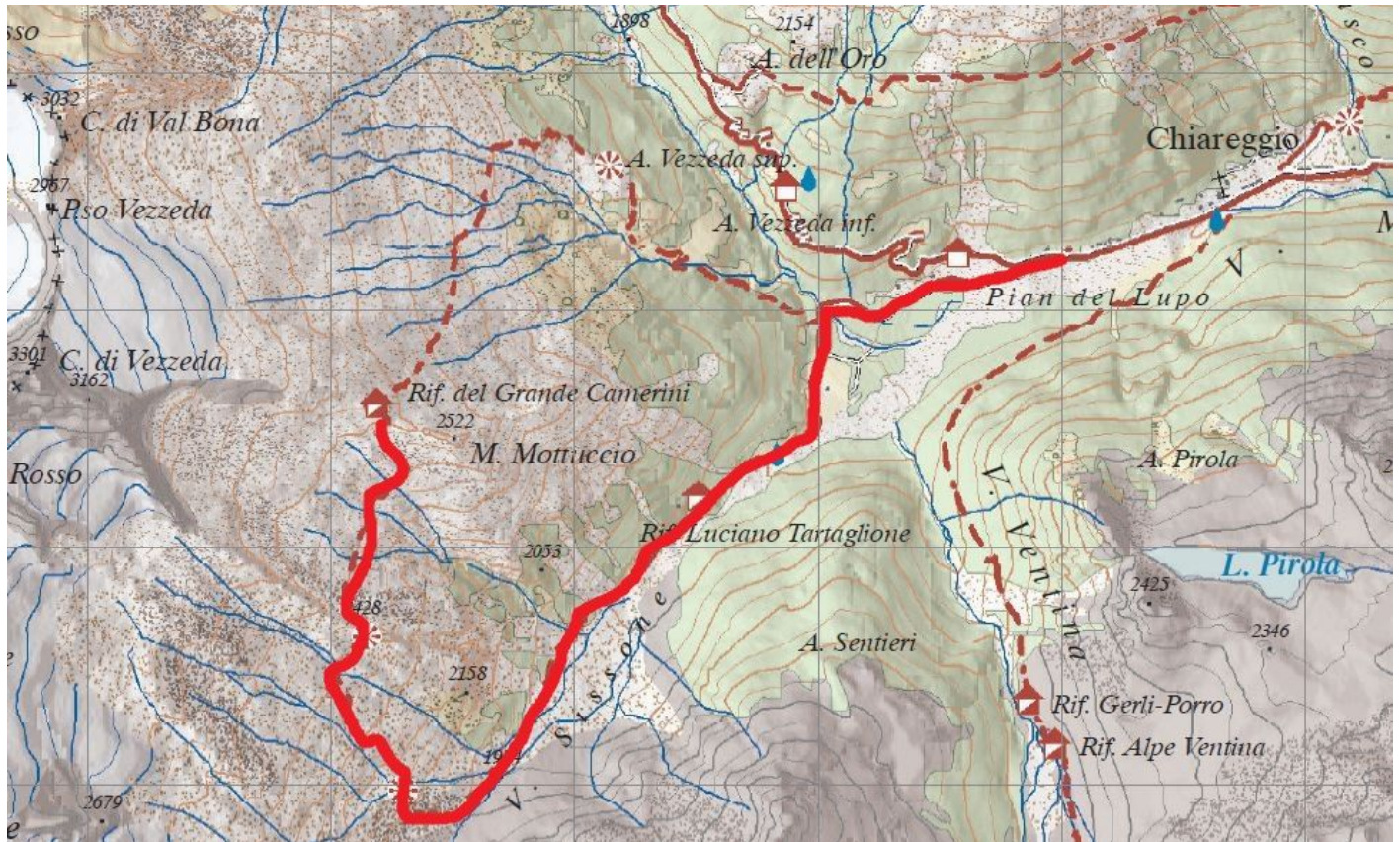




valley and then goes through half of its length, exits from the left (signed) and reaches the grassy ridge that precedes the upper moraines (rocky debris) of Val Sissone.

From here starts a long crossing toward the right (north) that passes a creek coming from Cima di Rosso's glacier and the moraine that comes from a small valley in Sissone di Dentro, altitude 2438m. From a large pass from which the hut is already visible in the distance, one turn brings down again and starts a long arc along the valley that stands in between the hiker and the ridge, dominated by the white Cima di Vazzeda.

At the end of the arc the path reaches a moraine, where it meets back with the path we mentioned at the beginning of the description, coming from Alpe Sissone. The trail then climbs up the moraine on the right side, up to the marked turn that leads to an evident cut in the rocks, where there is a little ricky wall equipped with chains. After the short climb, the path continues along the ridge northward, from where the hut is visible and quickly reached (2580m).



Difficulty	Easy in summer with the exception of a few stretches, that can become difficult in case of swollen rivers. Some very easy rocks to be climbed (II grade), no equipment needed,
Hiking time	4:00 hours
Signs	CAI white-red signs and Alta Via yellow triangles
Elevation Difference	980 meters
Length	6,5 km

