

# Workaway guidelines

## Hello!

It seems like we are going to meet each other in the Baita Pigolza. Here you will find some specific information about the place and your stay in general.

## Where

We are located in the Alps, exactly Alpi Orobie. North of Italy, Lombardia is the region, province of Sondrio, Talamona is the city and the name of the location is Pigolza.

[Link Google Maps](#) - GPS: 46°06'30.9"N 9°38'03.6"E or 46.108574, 9.634329

## How to get there

*By car:* get to Talamona, ask for the road to San Giorgio. On the way up there's a restaurant called Crott dul Bem where you should get a time-limited pass (5€ x 24h) to access the mountain road. Also, consider that the road might be difficult for some cars, as it's steep and rocky. After a little white church, the road starts. Keep on going and do not turn right at the San Giorgio road sign. Stay on the main road for another 4 switchback turns after the sign. You'll see a dirt road on the right which has no asphalt (46°07'15.0"N 9°38'06.6"E). Take it, and drive for 2,4km, passing 2 creeks. When the road becomes flat, has a widening to the right, and makes a sharp turn to the left you've arrived (46°06'33.4"N 9°38'04.9"E).

*By train (recommended):* you should arrive at the Morbegno station. We will pick you up there. There is a train departing from Milano Centrale which is the best choice. It takes 1 hr 40 mins and requires a 9,20€ ticket. Milano Centrale is the main train station in Milan, and all the buses to/from the main airports can be found there.

*Walking:* from Morbegno station it's about 3 to 4 hours walking to get up there. It takes 1 hour to get to the beginning of the path (Talamona) and then another 2 to 3 hours to get to the baita. We are pretty isolated (that's what we wanted so badly) and this means that civilization is not around the corner. So keep in mind that it takes time to get here!

## Sleeping

It's cold! We will have some blankets up there but do not rely just on those. A good sleeping bag is the best. We have tried the summer decathlon one (comfort at 15 °C) and it's too light but the extreme alpine one (comfort at -5°C) is definitely too much for summertime.

BTW we won't have beds. We will have sleeping mats on the wooden floor. Check out the [Facebook](#) for some photos. Snoring people will be isolated :)

## **Eating**

Welcome to Italy! I don't think you have to worry about food. We will have 3 meals per day for sure and the menu will vary a lot. We eat everything but vegetarians are welcome and we will adapt the meals accordingly. Moreover, if you have allergies, let us know in advance to see if we can provide proper meals. One of the daily tasks will be cooking and washing dishes. No, there's no dishwasher. No, we don't like disposable plates. Save the planet.

## **Comfort**

None :)

Living there is tough and this is why we're asking workawayers to plan max 1 week of staying. Just to let you know. We have no toilet inside, there's a dry one 50m away, outside. To shower we heat water in a 160lt barrel. It takes time to have hot water, but showering with the view of the mountains is the best.

## **Working**

Hehe. This topic is endless. We decide tasks according to our priorities, and you will see how the decisional process happens (kanban, consensus method, ...). It's hard to say in advance what you will be dealing with, but there are some bullet points here:

- It's tough. Going up the mountain and working with wood and stone are heavy duties.
- It's together. No superman/wonderwoman are needed
- it's iterative. We do not expect to finish everything in one go.
- It's for learning. Nobody is born learned (literal translation from italian).

As you can imagine, we will be there to work as hard and as much as possible. Although we hope to motivate you at max, Workaway rules are clear: max 5 hours per day, max 5 days a week. So you do not have to work more than that.

In your spare time you are free: walk, explore, do things, sleep, read, ... but most likely we will keep on working. So plan your spare time without relying on us :) and remember that going to the city takes a bunch of hours walking, and Talamona is the most boring place on earth.

## **Backpacking**

What do you need to bring? Here's a list of things you don't want to forget: flashlight, working clothes, boots, rainwear, towel, sleeping bag, heavy/woolen sweater. Everything else is on your shoulders: you know best what's worth bringing with you.

## **Connectivity**

In the baita, phones are not working so well. It depends on your provider, so you might have to walk uphill 5 mins to get a good signal. There is no WiFi. For this reason it is fundamental

that we talk in advance about your pick up time and so on. Whatsapp, e-mail or SMS works great.

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