

Walking around Raveo

The Municipality of Raveo is part of the “Intermunicipal Park of Carnia”. From Raveo you can reach the village of Villa Santina towards a bike path. Raveo is palced in a strategic position for excursions and cycling tours.

Development by main points in order of travel: Raveo – Stavoli Valdie – Stavoli Luvieis – Stavolo Cuel – Stavoli La Foran – Stavolo Chiaula – Pani di Raveo – Casolare Costa Bocchiaia – Forca di Pani – Stavoli Diron – Stavoli Marcolin – Voltois – Ampezzo – Mediis – Lungis – Dilignidis – Feltrone – Dilignidis – Lungis – Stavolo Melarias – Viaso – Enemonzo – Colza – Raveo.

Features:

Starting point: Raveo, cemetery's square 477m

Route length: 42.0km

Maximum altitude reached: Forca di Pani 1139m

Difference in altitude: 1400m

Approximate travel time: 4h

Recommended season: spring / autumn

Cartography: Tabacco 1: 25.000 - Sheet 13

Difficulty level: challenging

After leaving your car in the parking of the Raveo cemetery, start pedaling towards the town, until you reach a fountain, here turn right, entering Via Macilles; this asphalted road immediately begins to climb in a challenging way. The slope in the first section is exposed to the sun (characterized by a series of narrow and steep hairpins). It continues to rise, except for an intermediate stretch of slight descent that precedes a subsequent ascent, which ends in correspondence of a clearing. Then a descent, which leads to the beautiful *Conca degli Stavoli Valdie*: the presence of the well-kept meadows, allow the view to open up; they are surrounded by conifers' forests and broad-leaved trees.

From this point begins the dirt road. After crossing a small bridge, take the right towards the mule track, then continue until a crossroad, here keep the right. Along the slight descent you will find the characteristic *Stavoli Luvieis*; go ahead until you reach the asphalted street coming from Muina.

From here it is possible to observe the entire Ovaro Valley. Continue to descend until you reach an hairpin bend, shortly before, on the left, you find a narrow dirt road. Take it, in correspondence of the wooden sign indicating the direction for *Pani*, follow the white / red traces of the signpost n.221 CAI. After a stretch of steep pedalable ascent you must turn right and enter a path that crosses the meadows. Pushing the bikes you climb with difficulty for a short distance, up to rejoin the main mule track, then turn right again.

At this point continue, comforted by the shadow of the undergrowth, on a fairly good ground, along stretches challenging uphill; reached *Stavoli Foràn*, in the middle of meadows, it is worth stopping to admire the surrounding panorama, offered by the neighboring valleys and from the *Conca degli Stavoli*

Valdie crossed previously. After a few meters the reunification takes place with the asphalted road coming from *Valdie*, keep the right.

You ride on a wide mule track which climbs gently through the undergrowth, then a descent, that allows you to reach the most beautiful area of the itinerary, namely *Pani di Raveo*: road becomes paved again but before tackling this part, is worth to stop again to observe the surrounding scenery.

After having faced the steep descent follows the crossing of a small stream, then the discreet ascent to the opposite side. At the crossroad with the road to *Tartinis* and *Raveo* keep the right (CAI trail sign n.235), continuing on the ascent to *Forcella di Pani*. Reached it you start to descend towards *Ampezzo* along this steep road.

The small village below is already visible from this high position. Left behind the picturesque hamlet of *Voltois* and having reached the bottom of the valley, cross the bridge over *Lumiei* stream (km 21.6) then go up again, facing some hairpin bends, until you reach the first houses of *Ampezzo* (km 22.4). Joined in the S.S. 52 go in direction of *Villa Santina* up to the junction with the road to *Mediis*, turn left and you will reach a small square with a fountain and a characteristic little church. Following the signs for *Lungis*, you start climbing again, ignoring all the secondary intersections, towards the next goal: *Feltrone*; this climb turns to be challenging, but also very beautiful. From the village, go down the same road backwards, but just before returning to *Lungis*, turn left, taking the narrow road for *Viaso*.

A very mild descent, allows you to reach this further center. After crossing the village, follow the dirt track, heading towards a grove of firs; soon appear the reference signs of the route n. 1 of the A.C. Carnia Bike for *Enemonzo*; after having covered a long stretch of single track, it leads to the asphalted road abandoned shortly before, which flows almost immediately into the S.S. 52.

After turning left, pedal for a few minutes before reaching the edge of *Enemonzo*. From the village follow the indications for *Colza* and *Raveo*. Left the S.S. 52 you are ready to face the last ascent, mainly exposed to the sun, it requires a fair amount of effort. Arrived in the hamlet of *Colza* (km 40.3) it is necessary to turn first to the left and immediately afterwards to the right: at this point only remains to cover the short distance that separates the cemetery of *Raveo* (km 42,0) reached with a descent.

FROM RAVEO UNTIL VALDIE TOWARDS the SANCTUARY of BEATA VERGINE DI RAVEO

Difficulty: tourist

Recommended period: the itinerary is practicable in all seasons, but it is particularly recommended in spring or autumn.

Signpost: absent; the itinerary takes place on a wide mule track and on forest roads and is always good evident.

Cartography: tabacco 1: 25.000, sheet 013, carnic pre-alps *Val Tagliamento*

Access: the itinerary begins in the upper part of *Raveo* near the church.

Go along a cobbled road that first climbs up the meadows above the village and then enters a dense beech forest through which you go up to the Sanctuary of the *Beata Vergine di Raveo* (711 m). This beautiful church, with the bell tower covered with multicolored tiles, dates back to 1620. Nearby you can find the friary of the Francescani Romiti Friars of *Raveo* which is accessed through a characteristic portal with turret (private property). The cobbled road still climbs steeply into the woods until it reached the narrow street that from *Raveo* goes up to *Valdie*. Take the left that leads to *Sella di Quas*. A little further on, you reach the

beautiful meadows of *Valdie* (800 m), here you can find numerous stables and a tiny churches with a characteristic porch. On the way back, follow the outward path.

PANI RING

Difficulty: tourist

Recommended period: from April to November

Signpost: CAI 221 between *Pani di Raveo* farmhouses and the *Miurn* houses; in the remaining sections the itinerary takes place on Street.

Cartography: tabacco 1: 25.000, sheet 013, carnic pre-alps Val Tagliamento.

Access: From *Enemonzo* go up to the hamlet of *Colza* and from here follow the signs for *Fresis*. Beyond the hamlet of *Tartinis* turn right onto a narrow asphalted road, the road passes near the *Casolare Astona* and continues with a steep series of hairpin bends up to a crossroads located near the *Stavolo Cervias*, 992 m. Leave your car here and continue by foot.

From the crossroad follow the asphalted street to the right which crosses the meadows, and descends towards *Chiarzò* stream (beautiful views towards the Val Tagliamento). The street runs along the stream for an uphill stretch and, after crossing it, leads to the vast clearing of *Casolari Pani di Raveo*, 968m, (from this point the street continues to *Val Die* and *Raveo*).

Go back along the street and, take the right for a narrow forest track (CAI 221 trail) and the subsequent path that leads to *Casolari Grant*, 1036 m. The marked trail continues slightly uphill through dense woods and clearings up to a short distance from *Forca di Pani* where you can find a forest street. Following it, you quickly descend to *Case Miurin*, crossing beautiful meadows on which there are other stables and farmhouses, you return to *Stavolo Cervias*.

- 1st Itinerary: *Raveo-Valdie-Luvieis* (810 m.)

Particularly interesting is the path that leads from the village to the *Valdie* basin, it takes one hour or little more. Through an ancient paved road, mostly immersed in the woods, is possible to retrace the journey that the inhabitants of *Raveo* made to reach *Valdie* and *Luvieis* Stables and for the haymaking.

Along this steep tree-lined avenue, is important to point out: the Sanctuary of *Beata Vergine di Raveo* and the nearby former Franciscan hermitage of *Monte Castellano*. Continuing, the path joins an asphalted road that brings to *Quas*, known as the "Station of the sleds", as this grassy shelf was the meeting point and departure of the sledges (*ouges*) that transported the hay downstream.

Moving forward you will arrive in a stunning valley strewn with stables: welcome in *Valdie*. The small and pretty church of "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" deserves a stop. One regained the way, go back about 300m until the fork between the two streets, take the road that descends among the enchanting stables, plunges into the woods and then go up and down again in an alternation of woods, meadows and barns. In about 15-20 minutes of walking, you will reach another beautiful basin that hosts: *Luvieis*. Also here, the soft and green expanses are scattered with the seasonal homes used by some families of *Raveo* in the period of haymaking and pasture. From here you can also see the small church of *Valdie*, silhouetted against the mountains and framed by the woods that divide from *Luvieis*.

- 2nd Itinerary: *Luvieis –Pani* (990 m)

Another pleasant walk starts from *Luvieis* and in about an hour leads to *Pani*. Going back along a small stretch of the road coming from *Valdie*, just beyond the first grove, take the first way on the right and

continue through the woods, for about 30 min, when you arrive in *La Foràn*: a large green field from which you can enjoy one of the most suggestive views of the underlying valleys of *Valdie* and *Luvieis*. After a stop, the journey resumes towards *Pani* that is about 30 minutes away.

- 3rd Itinerary: *Cuel di Nuvolae, Cuel Taront and Cuel Budin*

Proceeding from Villa Santina towards Raveo and after the bridge over the *Chiarsò stream*, just beyond the hamlet of *Esemon di Sopra*, take the dirt road on the right and follow the forest track that crosses in succession: *Cuel di Nuvolae, Cuel Taront* and *Cuel Budin*. This path of about 2 hours of walking winds among the woods offering multiple attractions such as an extraordinary variety of plant species, the remains of ancient defensive works, a cave used in the First World War, archaeological sites and an interesting panoramic view of the valley that embraces *Trava, Avaglia* and *Lauco* and which extends towards *Ovaro*. In *Cuel Budin*, in particular, the fortification walls, dating back to the early Middle Ages, are clearly visible, in a good state of conservation.

- 4th Itinerary: *Valdie-Sorantri* (895 m)

Walked the paved road that connects *Raveo* to *Valdie* up to the village of *Quas*, take the first path on the right which, through a predominantly beech forest, leads to the rocky ridge of *Monte Sorantri*. This is an important area because the recent archaeological discoveries which would indicate the presence, in a remote past, of Celtic populations so far attracted perhaps also by the strategic position of the place. On the plateau, at the top of Mount *Sorantri*, a large high ground settlement with a fence wall and housing structures were discovered, in particular, has been ascertained the presence of a sanctuary and productive activities. Celtic weapons found in the area suggest that there was a place of worship in which at the beginning of the III sec. B.C. rites related to the world of war were performed.