

Stage 2

FROM REFUGIO ALPE SOGLIA TO REFUGIO SALVIN

Starting: Refugio Alpe Soglia (m. 1711)

Arrival: Refugio Salvin (m. 1580),

Walking time: 7 hrs.

Difference in height: m. 552

Downhill: m. 681

The stage follows the watershed that separates Valle dell'Orco from Valle Malone, Valle Tesso, and Valle Tessuolo.

From Refugio Alpe Soglia travel over again the dirt road and follow it uphill until you reach Alpe Turinetto (m. 1849). From here, you will meet the newly restored trail that follows the path # 411 Alta Via Canavese (Canavese Upper Track) not always easy but discreetly marked (red-white marks) that plows halfway up the southern slope of the ridge between Mount Soglio and Mount Vaccarezza. Through some gullies reach first [Alpe dell'Uja](#) (m. 2032, 1 hr 10 mins) and then, through poor pastures and some stony grounds, [Alpe Angiolino](#) immersed in the bushes (m. 1812, 2 hrs 20 mins). Continuing for about 50-60 yards to the west, leave the itinerary #411 and head north-west up the steep slope to reach [Croce d'Intror Pass](#) (m. 1947 sign), evident in the sheer mountain ridge dividing traditionally used by local as a connections between the valleys. From the pass follow the easy ridge (red marks) to the south-west until you reach Cima Angiolino (m. 2167, 3hrs 10 mins), characterized by a high trellis. Following the ridge to the west, going down less than fifty metres and then going up again a hundred metres, reach Mount Vaccarezza (m. 2203, 3hrs 30 mins), whose summit is marked by a large cairn with a shrine and an anemometer. From Vaccarezza, you still have to follow the crest to the north-west (#408b, then #408A, red marks), only to leave it once it reaches a rock easily recognizable, because there is fixed a metal sign with the words "*Divieto di caccia*" and there are also several more or less faded signs: red, red-yellow, red arrow, the word "Salvin" and a red rectangle squared in white, a red star. Head in the direction indicated by the arrows, bending upward slightly to the left in the direction of a grassy round ridge (red signs and blue-red poles). Taking care not to lose the signs, often faded but from now on, however frequent, follow the path trail that takes a few modest ups and downs and then turn left (south), bypassing a rock. At the junction with the trail #408 (red-white signs and poles) that climbs from refugio Salvin, get down on the fairly steep hillside, crossing a valley and a ridge of rocks outcropping and then passing a stream tributary of the Rio dell'Ajat. Near a grassy shoulder, the track turns left (south east) and comes at the ruins of the [Alpe Pertus Superiore](#) (m. 2030), which you leave a few metres to your left. Always downhill, the track bends to the right (west) and then left (south), continuing the hillside until you reach an outcrop of water characterized by the presence of some shrubs. Keep driving halfway towards another grassy shoulder, which is bounded below by a new spur. Once again you do not have to cross the shoulder, but the second curve to the left (east) of the track, which winds in a valley parallel to the river dell'Ajat with steeper downward. Go down the valley taking as a reference a big heap of stones, then leave the valley and bend to the right (west), passing near a rocky wall. Now you come to the ruins of [Alpe Pertus Inferiore](#) (m., 1800), now covered by vegetation and whose stable was built under a rock shelter. Just beyond, you can see more or less to your height and not too far from you, the [Refugio Salvin](#). Follow then the

easy path until the Refugio (7 hrs).

Accommodation

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