FROM VIU' TO RIFUGIO COLLE DEL LYS

Starting: Viù (m. 775)

Arrival: Refugio Colle del Lys (m.1311)

Walking time: 5 hrs

Difference in height: m.536

Downhill:-

The stage leads from lower valley of Viù the watershed that separates it from lower Val di Susa. From Viù down the path # 32 to the hamlet of Fubina then:

Track A: after the bottleneck among the houses turn into a path on the right and going down following to the left the river Stura di Viù, reaching then a bridge.

Track B: in rainy season avoid the track A that could be dangerous, instead of turning right after the bottleneck among the houses, go down the road for about 800 m. and turn right to a dirt road closed by an iron bar, leading to the village of Malpasso inferiore, reach the end of the road and turn left going down to a white house, from there take right a small track following the river until you reach the bridge like track A.

Crossed the river on the bridge, go up the other side, avoiding the cambered bridge that crosses the river Richiaglio; follow then, after a stretch of steep ascent that leads to a building part of a penstock water, the course of Richiaglio (downstream left side) on the trail # 102. The trek takes you into the valley on a slight slope, initially on a covered canal that ends in a small sluice. Continue on the trail, winding through the low vegetation and sparse trees, reaching first the houses of Siri and then those of La Raiera. Go through the latter, go down the dirt road that shortly, after passing a small bridge, reaches the houses of Richiaglio (m. 736, 3 hrs). After the residential area and out the valley of the river Richiaglio, leave the dirt road, next to a shrine, go on the little valley and continue on the path, quickly reaching the houses of Benna (m. 802). You have then to keep to your right, reached a second shrine, take the obvious trail that runs a short distance from the river. After crossing a stream, Arrival next to a landslide, from which a sharp left-hander enter a beech forest. Exit the forest and along a dry stone wall, hike through pastures from which you can see through the trees, the houses of Morinera (m. 1220). From here, following the dirt road that runs through the hillside on the western side of the valley, you reach the chapel of San Vito (m. 1220 4 hrs.), the nearby Muande Benna and finally, with the trail # 102B, Colle del Lys (Lys Pass) (5 hrs).

Transportation

Accommodation: Rifugio Colle del Lys