

Day 3

Village of Unser Liebe Frau im Walde - village of St. Felix - Felixer Weiher (pond) - village of Fondo

Altitude difference uphill approx. 550 m

Altitude difference downhill approx. 950 m

Length of the trail approx. 17 km

Terrain: 5.3 km asphalt and 11.7 km forest- and meadow trails, path, forestry road.

Time needed 6-7 hours – not including rest periods.

Route description:

Follow the trail marker 1 (signs) from the village square of Unser Liebe Frau im Walde (1352 m) and walk along the paved farm access road, always following the marker 1 down into the creek Rio Novella. At that point there will be signs indicating the way to the village of St. Felix (1267 m). The trail is identified by the trail marker 1A. Hike to the center of the village and directly across the church start ascending (sign "Felixer Weiher" - trail marker 9). At the beginning of the toboggan run, which turns into a forestry road during the summer months, a parking area is reached. The way to the Felixer Weiher is once more indicated by signs (trail marker 9). The next stretch alternates between hiking along the forestry road in some parts and taking a shortcut along steeper sections in other parts, up until a left turn. At this point, leave the road and commence walking straight uphill, following a trail (sign "Felixer Weiher"), to a small pond. Once at this small pond (1605 m), turn right (sign "Tret"). It is important watch for the next sign indicating "Tret" (trail marker 512)! The trail briefly follows the edge of the pond, and at the east end of the bank there will be signs indicating the way to the alp Malga di Fondo. A pleasant hike along alpine meadows leads to the next turnoff; continue going straight (to the right trail 57 branches off) and watch for the signs for Malga Fondo (1480 m). The trail marker is 511. Hike down to the alp building and follow the indications for Fondo (trail marker 511). At the beginning the trail consists of a nice, grown-in forestry trail which eventually meets the forestry road to Fondo. Follow this comparatively boring road to the lumberyard, where the asphalt road begins. Hike to the coliseum and turn left directly after the building (no trail signs or indications). Cross the river and hike on the left side to the lake "Lago Smeraldo". Follow the lakefront almost to the end and climb down metal stairs into the canyon "il Burrone" (signs). The trail follows the canyon and eventually meets a small road on the right side. Exit the canyon along this road and continue up to the main square of the village of Fondo (978 m) with its huge water powered clock. Carry on straight ahead and then cross the road to get to the local tourism association (Pro Loco).

Shorter variation: after the church of St. Felix turn right, walk down the road and follow the so-called "Wasserfallweg" to the Hotel Aurora in the village of Tret. Continue on to the village center and follow the trail marker SAT 542 to Fondo. This used to be the old connection road between Tret and Fondo. Expenditure of time from Tret to Fondo approx. 2 hours.

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Possible rest stops along the route: restaurants in St. Felix and the alp Malga di Tret (open from June 15 to September 15)

Accommodations for overnight stay: Hotels and pensions in Fondo

Tourist association: www.visitvaldinon.it

