

Ice pits (nevere)

First proposal

Peak of Monte Generoso - Nadigh - Motto di Cima - Cima di Sassalto - Peak of Monte Generoso

Length: 4.1 Km

Altitude difference: 306 m

Time: 2 h

Max. altitude: 1601 m. above sea level

From Capolago the steep walls of Monte Generoso seem to be an insuperable barrier. The most intriguing solution is to take the small rack rail train to reach the peak in 40 minutes. From the peak (1600m) the route of the ice huts follows the eastern crest to the settlement called Nadigh (1295m). Stone houses, limestone gneiss roofs, an ingenious form of architecture which responded to all the needs of rural life. The path flattens out and runs along a wall of big slabs of limestone placed vertically. It will be easy to make out a circular construction under a tree; this is one of the ten ice huts to be seen on this path. In winter it was filled with snow so as to have a cool place in the hot summer to keep milk in before it was processed. The ice hut of Génor Caseret was restored by the Ethnographic Museum of the Muggio Valley and is open to visitors. Along the path other ice huts can be seen, some of which are in a precarious condition. The second restored ice hut you can enter is in Génor-Tegnoo, which is small but perfect with its cone-shaped roof. The path climbs gently up to the railway; at the junction you can either climb up to the top or go down to the Bellavista (1200m) in order to catch the train again.

Hiking map (XXL photo map from www.gps-tracks.com)



Second proposal

Vetta station Monte Generoso railway – Barco dei Montoni – Alpe d’Orimento – Alpe Genzago – Alpe Pesciò – Vetta station Monte Generoso railway

Altitude difference: 400 m

Time: 4 h

11 “nevere” can be seen:

one at the Barco dei Montoni

one at the Cascina di Boll

three at Alpe d’Orimento (one on two levels, two on one level)

one in Genzago (square, above which there is a studio)

two in lower Pesciò di sotto (one of which has a bell-shaped roof)

three in middle Pesciò (one of which is bigger than normal and supported by trusses).