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Gran Paradiso, 4061 m Scrambling/Ski mountaineering



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CHAPTER 1.

Subject Matter and Scope

Article 1.

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The National Park.

The Gran Paradiso national Park was the first park established in Italy. In the park you will find the peak with the same name, 4061 metres high.

The access is mainly hiking, and half of the way passes over the glacier. The major part of the glacier walk is without crevasses, only the last part includes some smaller crevasses and easy slopes of approximately 500 ice climbing. The last 20 metres to the summit is easy rock climbing, difficulty II grade.

In the park you can meet Stambecco (Ibex) and Marmotta (Marmot) and because of the close distance to Torino also quite a lot of touristÅfs.

The walk begins in the village Pont, a big car park (free) just by a Hotel. To get there, drive the highroad from the tunnel of Mont Blanc and turn of in the direction of Saint-Pierre. Drive in the direction of and pass Saint-Pierre in and after about 3 kilometres, turn left on the winding road in the direction of Introd, Valsavarenche and finally Pont on road number SR23.

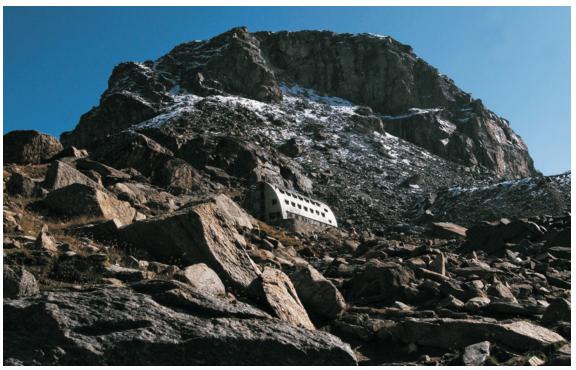
The Gran Paradiso can be done with skis or by foot, and the season for ski mountaineering is from Mars to May.

Rifugio Vittorio Emanuele II.

The walk from Pont (1960 m) to the hut (2732 m) takes about 3 hours on a well prepared foot path. The hut is opened from Mars to the middle of September, and when it is closed there is possible to sleep in the old hut, placed just 50 metres from the new one. In the new one you find full pension if you want, in the old beds, blankets, gas and some old pots for cooking.











Early start.

A early start is necessary, if you are there for ski-mountaineering a suggestion is to start at 03.00. During summer 04.00 - 05.00 would be early enough. From the hut, head for the moraine (stones in the end of the glacier) in the North-East direction from the hut. As you pass the crest of the moraine you will enter a wide valley with a brook (summer).

Follow this valley East up and enter the Gran Paradiso glacier. The valley later force you to turn right (South-East) and up on a step slope ending on a altitude at about 3500 m. Now change direction, head East on a vague crest with the step rock to your right.

The summit.

After 45 minutes -1 hours you meet the Laveciau glacier, hold right (East, South-East) on a snow crest to reach the Colle di Beces di Moncolve, see picture at the next page.

Now turn left in the direction of the summit of Gran Paradiso starting with a step walk on the glacier. Cross the crevasse under the crest leading to the summit and then follow the crest that finally will lead to a short passage of easy climbing graded II. Three bolts is placed in the rock but you need rope and biners. On the glacier rope is recommended during summer access, as axe and crampons.

The approach take 4-5 hours, and then you need 2-3 hours for to get back to the hut.







Other sources to find information.

Use the Internet to find more information;

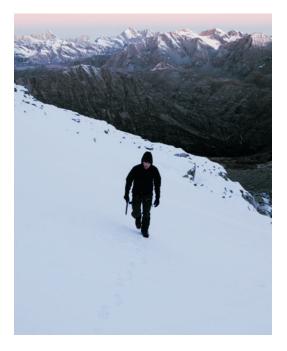
http://maps.google.com/ to see a satellite picture. You can even see the hut.

http://www.parks.it/parco.nazionale.gran.paradiso/Eindex.html, the Parks web site.

http://www.caitorino.it/vittorio.htm, the huts web site.

http://www.tempoitalia.it/1/meteo/introd, shows the coming weather in Introd.





Detailed Map.

Use this map to find your way up to the summit. During July-August there is often a track to follow, but dont take for granted that they lead to the summit

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