

December 2007: Updates to First edition (2005 reprint)

p245 Riva 1: Rino Pisetta

See the update notes dated July 2011 in the 2008 updates above.

p250 Riva 2: Sidebar note to paragraph 2

The quarry and recycling centre have taken over some of the car park but there is still room for a number of cars. The path is overgrown and leads down into an orchard, then out again to pick up the path on the south side of the quarry.

p249 Che Guevara

The approach to the route has changed. The map on p246 is still OK but the approach is as follows:

Follow the road past the quarry and follow "P" signs to a large parking area in an industrial estate. Ferrata/Klettersteig and Sentieor Croz dei Pini are clearly signposted from south west exit of the car park to a sign which explains the opening dates of Rif Don Zio (May to October, Saturday and Sunday). The new approach to the ferrata follows a way-marked path on the south side of the quarry (on your right) which works its way up through woods towards the base of a wall above. The first new cable (a handrail and some steps) is reached in about 20mins at around 400m.

In a further 5mins there is a short descent followed by some steeper quite airy climbing. After this short section of ferrata, you now follow a well-defined path which continues north and west for a while, before turning west and south. Now on the original approach you climb a series of steps (some scrambling, some cabling and some stemples), passing a number of rocks with the spot heights and "Quota" painted on them.

The start of the route proper starts to the left of a large pinnacle with "Via Ferrata Ernesto Che Guevara Quota 675m" painted on the rock. There is also a sign on the rock indicating that it is dangerous to climb the route in the winter. The approach to the ferrata takes about an hour.

p252 Descent

An alternative way down from Monte Casale is to descend north on path 427 but this involves a longer circuit, including descent to Sarche and then having to return from there.

pp253/5 Riva 3: Sentiero Anglone

Sentiero Anglone is now shown as Senter Dell'Angiom at the first main road signpost (it's still path 425). In 100m the signpost left off the road shows "Lastoni and S. Giovanni al Monte" and it's not until the next signpost after the house on the right that Sentiero Anglone shows up!

p257 Riva 4: Rio Sallgoni

Feedback on the grading of this route.

"Fairly tall ferratists might feel this route is over graded: shorter ones will consider the grade entirely justified!"

p278 Riva 11: Via Ferrata Spigolo

Approach rewording:

"you can drive comfortably to an altitude of about 520m. There are quite a few parking opportunities in the final kilometre including right at the end (if you have a 4WD) at a sign "563m Loc Verghere" and "1/25 Passo Spino Rif Perlo".

"Five minutes from Loc. Verghere is the first of three stream crossings: after heavy rain these may be difficult, if not impossible, to cross."

And a new route:

"We have a report from Les Ainsworth of a short hard via ferrata, VF Ernesto Franco, in this area but we have not the opportunity to research it ourselves. Les suggests that the grade is 5B."