

THE MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

FOREIGN TREK 1980 DOLOMITES - ALTA VIA 1



The steep trek up to the Scotoni hut with Cunturines (3064) on the skyline



Camp at the head of Val Travenanzes beneath the spires of Lagazuoi Grande



On the summit of la Varella (3055)

This was a joint Trek with Manchester Grammar School and Aylesbury Grammar School.

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STAFF	MGS	L.A.Witton	AGS	M.Hamment
	Coach driver	Dennis Hughes		

TREKKERS

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	2	R.Tomlinson (iiiMy)	R.Petersen (iiiMy)	S.Smith (iiiBy)
	3	D.Douglas (4G)	D.Woodhead (4G)	D.Bagshaw (4G)
	4	D.Fletcher (4B)	S.Bhojwani (4H)	R.Mortimer (4H)
AGS	5	G.Liddel	R.Canter	P.Cooper
	6	B.Hewer	S.Quincey	C.Seeley
	7	D.Langley	S.Jones	T.Garrod
	8	P.Collins	P.Simpson	N.Roberts
				31 trekkers

DATES Wednesday 23rd July to Monday 11th August

COST £150

MAPS

		Scale	Sheet	
Freytag & Berndt Wanderkarten	1:100,000	17	Östliche Dolomiten	(This covered the entire route)
Kompass Wanderkarten	1:50,000	57	Brunico - Dobbiaco	(Lago di Braies to M. Fanes Grande)
		55	Cortina d'Ampezzo	(Rifugio Biella to Col Rean)
		77	Alpi Bellunisi	(Mont Mondeval to the end)
Touring Club Italiano	1:50,000		Cortina d'Ampezzo e le Dolomite Cadorini	
			(Pederu hut to Col Rean)	

GUIDES

P Rossi	Alta Via delle Dolomiti 1	In Italian
P Rossi	High Route of the Dolomites 1	This is a digest translation of the above, but without illustrations.

*2017 note. There is now a guide published by Cicerone,
Treks in the Dolomites: Alte Vie 1 and 2 by Martin Collins and Gillian Price (2005)*

The text of this log was originally hand-written in 1980 by Gerry Leversha in the Trek Log Book which Chris Little established in 1977. I word-processed the text using a BBC computer and Wordwise in about 1988. I completed this version in 2017 with a digital sketch map and scanned images, using an Apple Macintosh and Microsoft Word, with iPhoto and Preview to edit the images.

I scanned the images from my 35 mm slides. I took 2 rolls of 36, and 51 of them were worth including in this log. After so long in storage, the quality of some of the images, especially those taken in low light and those of distant hazy scenery, were rather poor. Where I have been unable to get a reasonable colour balance I have converted them to monochrome.

To keep the overall file size down, all the images are low resolution but of sufficient quality to display fairly well at A4 page size. The average size of the 54 images (3 are duplicates) is about 62 kB, giving a file size of about 4 MB, the size of about 2 medium digital compact camera images.

After such a long time it has obviously been impossible to obtain permission from individuals to use images which include them. Anyone who finds this a problem should contact me.

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ROUTE

The route followed the Alta Via No.1 in the eastern Dolomites, which stretches from the Lago di Braies south to Belluno. A number of route alternatives were taken.

1. From the Fanes alp the westerly route via the Lagazuoi was followed in preference to the high level crossing of Monte Castello, partly to avoid the tricky descent into Val Travenanzes and partly to rendezvous with the coach.
2. The descent to San Cassiano from Col Loggia to meet the coach, omitting Forcella del Lago.
3. The traverse of Sentiero Flaibani over Pelmo, thus omitting the necessity of retracing the southern traverse.
4. The descent of Val del Vescova from the Bianchet hut to finish the Trek at Pinei (on the Agordo to Belluno road), thereby omitting the traverse of the Schiara and the difficult descent of the via ferrata Marmol

The initial plan had been to leave the AV1 at Rifugio Vazzoler, south of Civetta, and descend to Listolade, north of Agordo, but due to the fitness and enthusiasm of the party it was possible to continue the route for a further two and a half days.

Ascents were made of Croda del Becco (Seekofl) 2810, la Varella (Kreuzkofl) 3055, Tofana di Rozes, 3225 and Nuvolau 2575.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

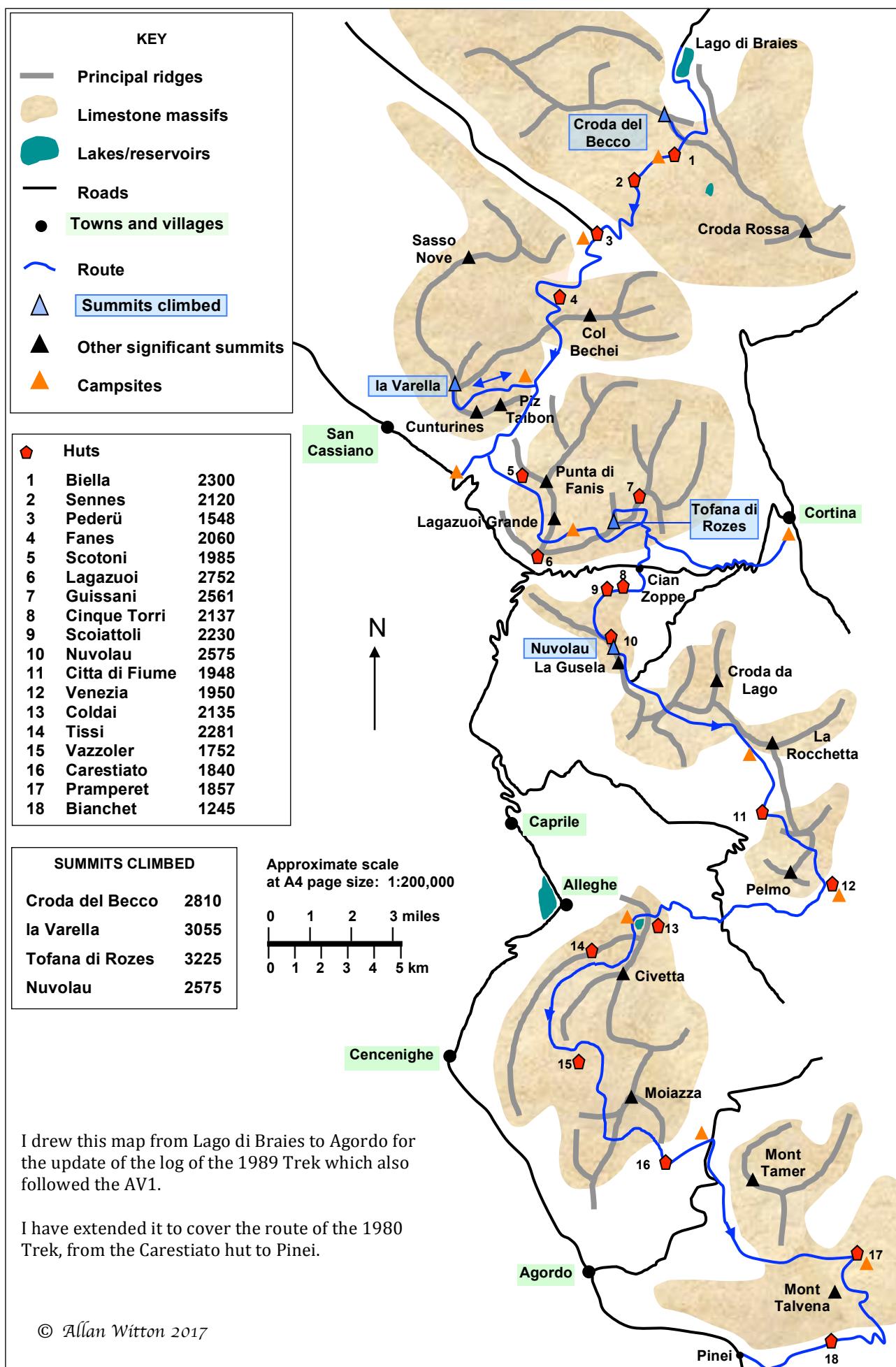
		20 days	6 days travel	2 free days	12 days walking
Wednesday	23rd July	Coach	MGS > Aylesbury GS > Felixstowe (overnight ferry)		
Thursday	24th	Coach	Zeebrugge - Stuttgart		
Friday	25th	Coach	Val Pusteria		
Saturday	26th	Coach	Lago di Braies	1493	
		Trek	Rifugio Biella	2327	
Sunday	27th	Excursion	Croda del Becco	2810	
		Trek	Rifugio Pederü	1548	
Monday	28th	Trek	Passo Tadega	2177	
Tuesday	29th	Excursion	la Varella	3055	
		Trek	Rifugio Saré	1650	
Wednesday	30th	Trek	Val Travenanzes	2383	
		Excursion	Il Castelletto galleries		
Thursday	31st	Excursion	Tofana di Rozes	3225	
		Trek/Coach	Cortina	1122	
Friday	1st August	Free day	Cortina d'Ampezzo		
Saturday	2nd	Coach	Cian Zoppe	1732	
		Trek	Malga Prendera	2148	
		via	Nuvolau	2575	
Sunday	3rd	Trek	Rifugio Venezia di Luca	1947	
Monday	4th	Trek	Lago Coldai	2135	
Tuesday	5th	Trek	Passo Duran	1601	
Wednesday	6th	Trek	Rifugio Pramperet	1776	
Thursday	7th	Trek	Pinei		
		Coach	Bolzano		
Friday	8th	Coach	Bressanone		
		Free Day			
Saturday	9th	Coach	Stuttgart		
Sunday	10th	Coach	Zeebrugge (overnight ferry)		
Monday	11th	Coach	Felixstowe > Aylesbury GS > Manchester		

A Trek is a linear walk from one place to the next with full packs.

An Excursion is a return walk without full packs.

Note that heights and spellings of place and peak names vary from map to map.

SKETCH MAP OF THE WALKING ROUTE



ITINERARY

Wednesday 23rd July	Coach	MGS - Aylesbury GS - Felixstowe
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Left Manchester at about 9.30 a.m. and reached Aylesbury mid-afternoon. 1 hour spent loading provisions. Reached Felixstowe at 10.00 after 2 hours in Ipswich. Ferry 11.00.

Thursday 24th July	Coach	Stuttgart
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Zeebrugge 7.00. Motorways through Belgium and Germany. Camped at Leonberg near Stuttgart. 8 hours.

Friday 25th July	Coach	Val Pusteria
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Left Stuttgart at 9.00.

Stop in Oberammagau.

Fined at German/Austrian border for speeding.

Thence Innsbruck, Brenner, reaching San Sigesmondo in Val Pusteria at 6.00. Clearly this journey is certain to occupy a full two days, due to EEC regulations on driving time and speed.

Campsites at San Sigesmondo



Saturday 26th July	Trek	Rifugio Biella	2327
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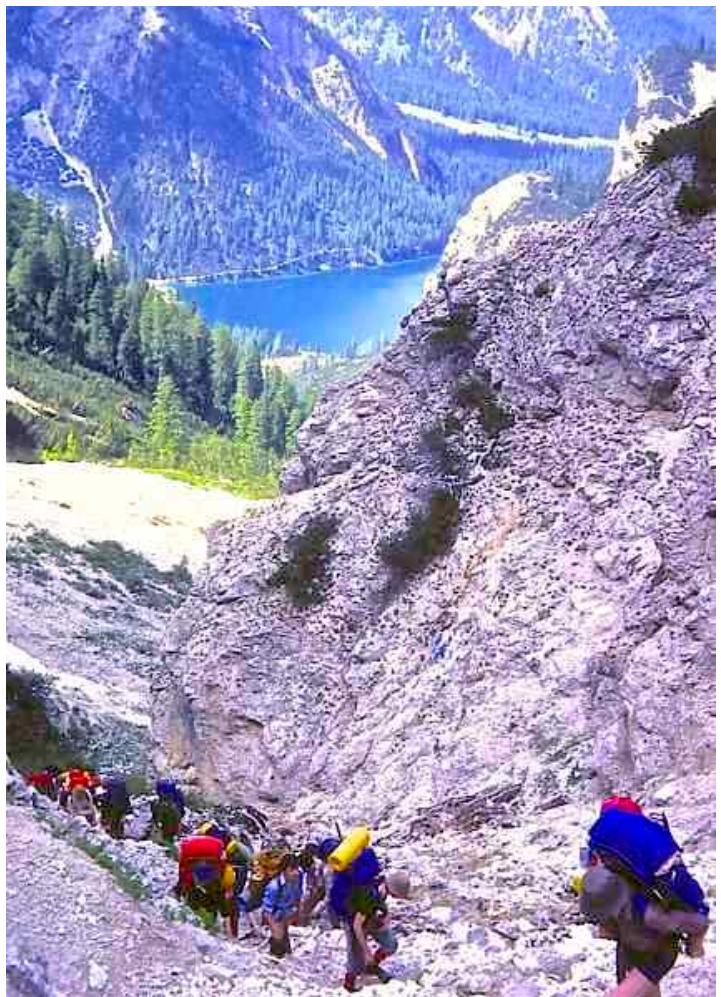
Morning in Brunico - pleasant town with arcades and friendly atmosphere. Drove to Lago di Braies - good road.

Started trek at 12.30, along lakeside path, stopping after 1 hour for lunch. Climb is 900 m from initial height of 1493 (not 1943 as in Rossi guide!). A stony ascent, first through scrubby vegetation, later on scree. Bifurcation from route 4 at Nabiges Loch (c. 2000) needs care - sharp right turn. Some easy scrambling as route follows cleft between Seekofl and Ofen Mauer to col at 2300 (arrived at 4.30).

No water available at Biella hut, nor at campsite on plateau below slabs of Seekofl (Croda del Becco), although we later discovered the spring. Melted snow for dinner - main problem here is that it must be boiled. Hot instant whip not recommended.

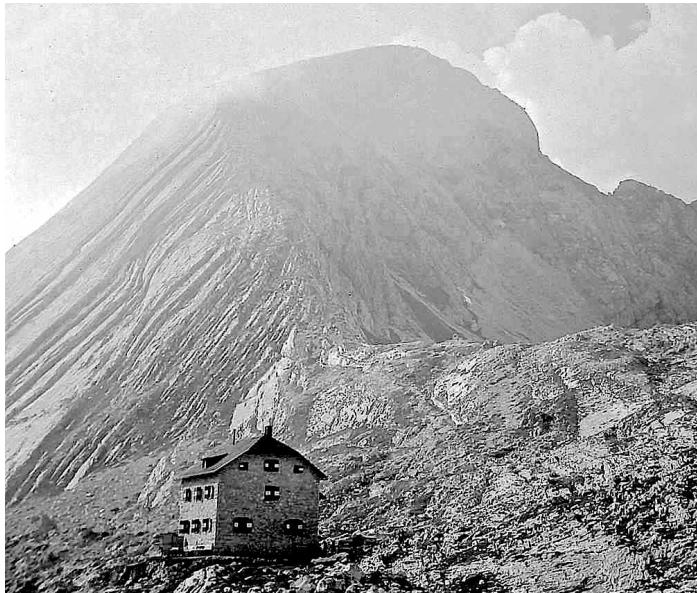
Weather: Initially very hot, later misty and cool. Thunderstorm overnight.

The steep ascent from the head of Lago di Braies



Sunday 27th July	Excursion Trek	Croda del Becco Rifugio Pederü	2810 1548
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Two parties left at 8.10, 8.40 for Croda del Becco. Straightforward ascent along whaleback ridge from Biella hut, with fixed cable at one point not necessary in conditions. Gained summit in 1 hour. View impeded by mist, but possible to see Zillertal, Tre Cime, Tofana, Antelao. Ibex sighted on descent.



The ridge leading to Croda del Becco from the Biella hut
(Original scans with poor colour balance have been converted to monochrome)



Lago di Braies from the summit of Croda del Becco

Struck camp at 1.00, and walked as one party. Easy to Sennes hut (35 minutes). Jeep road to Pederü hut. Final section steep through cliffs not marked very clearly on Kompass map. Arrived 4 p.m.



The slabs of the whaleback ridge of Croda del Becco
The ascent route is up the ridge on the right skyline.

Camped in meadows near river; due to mistake by hut occupants experienced some problems with local police (Forestièrre). Note for future - Commune permission is not enough.

Coach could negotiate road from San Vigilio di Marebbe along Val di Tamores with little difficulty, apart from some hairpins at far end.

Weather: Changeable, brightening in evening.

Steep descent through cliffs into Val di Tamores



Left as two parties at 9.30 and 10 a.m. Jeep track to Rifugio Fanes (2 hours) - lovely views back to Seekofl, attractive lake Lago di Piciodel, and spectacular towers of Eisengabel Spitz.

Early morning sun yet to reach the Pederü hut, with the summit of Col Bechei (2794) above



Lago Piciodel.



Arriving at Rifugio Fanes, with Sasso Nove (2968)

Passo di Limo, Fanes Alp, Passo Tadega by 2.30 - all on easy and popular path with views ahead of Tofana, Cime di Fanis, and Piz Taibon.



At Malga Fanes Grande on Fanes Alp with Piz Taibon (2928)

CTL climbed 100 m up into Vallon de Lavares to find secluded campsite in hanging valley.
Weather: Sunny all day.



Campsite in Vallon de Lavares

Tuesday 29th July	Excursion	la Varella	3055
	Trek	Rifugio Saré	1650

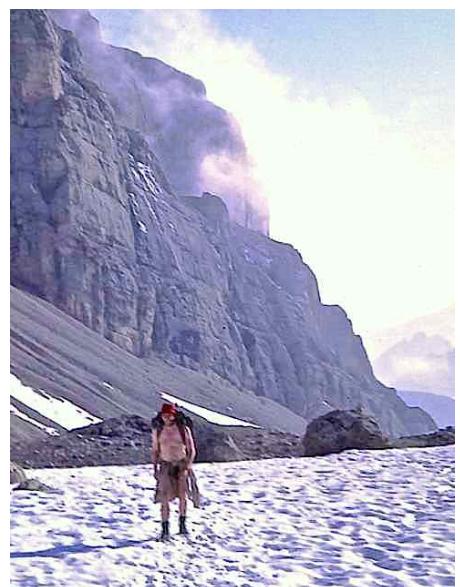
Two parties left 7.20, 7.45 a.m. for la Varella. Ascent interesting but straightforward, climbing corrie to Lago Cunturines (2525) and snow line, thence contouring north side of upper corrie to col (c. 2900), and along north ridge - narrow in places but always good path - to peak (3055 or 3060 according to map!). Time about 3 hours.



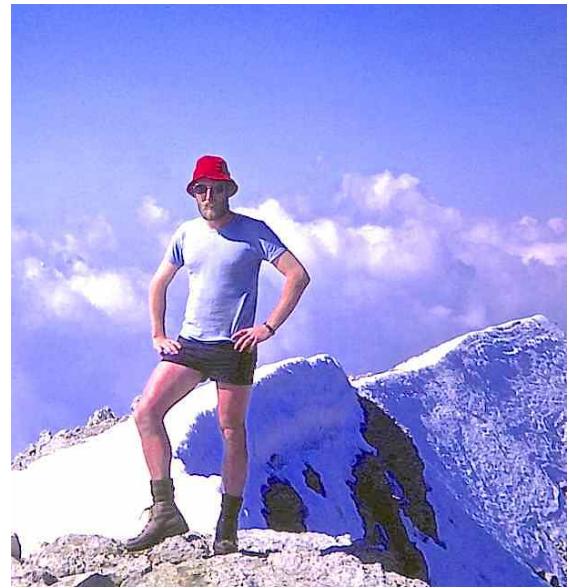
Lago Cunturines



Piz Taibon on the left



Cunturines (3064)



On the summit of la Varella

Views of Tofana, Sella,
Marmolada.

Descent 1h-15 plus 45
minutes ice-axe practice.



Descent to the col, with Val
San Cassiano 1300 m below



Ice-axe braking practice

Struck camp at 2.30. Easy path from Col Loggia (2069) to Capina Alpina (1726) and to campsite Sass d'Lacia beside Rifugio Saré on south side of Rio Saré brook.



Heading down from Passo Tadega, with the cliffs leading up to Punta di Fanis (2989)



The southern cliffs of Cunturines

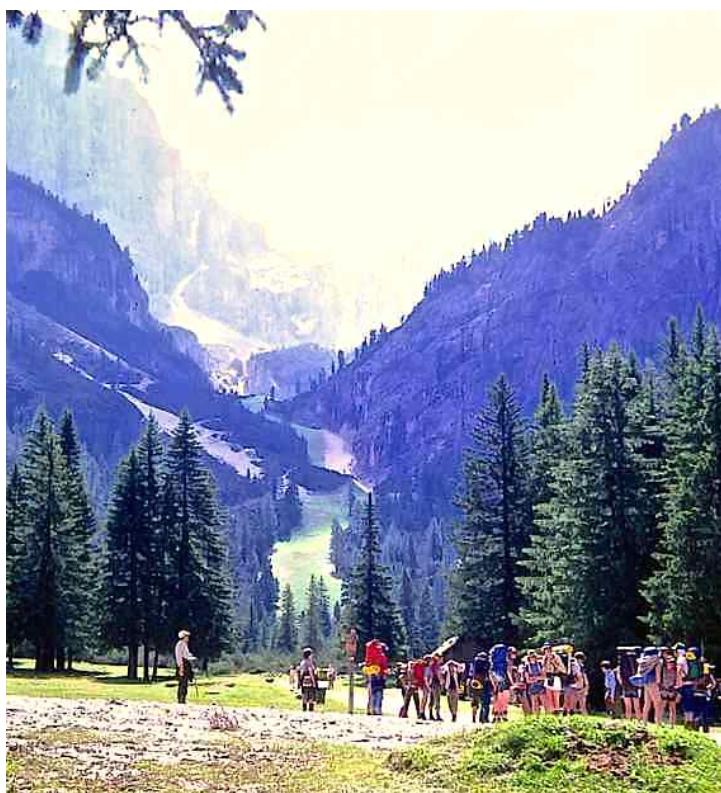
Weather: Changeable, mist in morning, rain in afternoon. Severe thunderstorm in evening - due to poor nature of campsite drainage, boys washed out, and the majority slept in campsite café.

Note: If journey intended to San Cassiano for supplies, coach is a necessity. Campsite had poor facilities - it might have been more pleasant to take coach to sites near San Leonardo or Corvara

Struck camp at 10.30 as single party. Ascent to Scotoni hut (1985) tough but fast, thence badly eroded path up to Lago di Lagazuoi. Reached Forcella Lagazuoi in 3 hours.

Superb views south over Marmolada, Civetta, Pelmo, Croda di Lago, Antelao, Sorapis, as well as eastwards to Tofana.

A much better morning after the storm



About to start the ascent to the Scotoni hut



The steep trek up to the Scotoni hut with Cunturines (3064) on the skyline



Retrospective view of Cunturines



Views from Forcella Lagazuoi: south to Croda da Lago and Pelmo ...



... and east to west wall of Tofana di Rozes (3225)

1 hour down to campsite at the 401/402 path junction at the head of Val Travenanzes, midway between Forcella Travenanzes and Forcella Bois (2383). In evening a small party went on excursion to the First World War galleries in Il Castelletto, reached via series of ladders.

Weather: Hot, then cooling. Mist in late evening. Lovely evening views of Tofana and Fanis Turm.



Evening sun on the spires of Lagazuoi Grande (2804)



Camp below Lagazuoi Grande



Ladder leading to the galleries in Il Castelletto

Thursday 31st July	Excursion	Tofana di Rozes	3225
	Trek	Cortina	1122

Struck camp at 6 a.m. with intent to climb Tofana di Rozes. Contoured around Tofana to bottom of gully (vallon) in about 2 hours losing some height on the way. Weather by then very poor - mist and drizzle, so majority of party continued down to Cortina with LAW and MH (3 hours + 1 hour breakfast at Rifugio Dibona). Intrepid minority with GL and CTL climbed via abandoned Cantore hut to summit of Tofana di Rozes (2h-30). Basically a rather tedious slow plod - but axes and early start essential due to soft snow conditions. Not much of a view, but rain ceased. Descent to Giussani hut between Tofana in only 30 minutes, thence to Falzarego road at Cian Zoppe by 3 p.m. Some members of party very tired. Coach to campsite at Cortina Rocchetta - very expensive!

Friday 1st August	Free day	Cortina d'Ampezzo
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Pleasant ski resort, not too commercialised. Everyone needed a rest. Bought fresh provisions and chickens for boys to stew.



Saturday 2nd August	Coach	Cian Zoppe	1732
	Trek	Malga Prendera	2148
	via	Nuvolau	2575

Struck camp at 9 a.m. and took coach back to Cian Zoppe. Walked with day packs over Nuvolau until Passo Giau. Good path through woods to Cinque Torri and then up to Nuvolau summit hut via Forcella Nuvolau (2 hours).

Evidently this walk rates as a local Coniston Old Man judging by number of tourists! Hut rather commercialised.

Preparing to leave the coach at Cian Zoppe



The easy walk up past Cinque Torri



Views from the Nuvolau hut : south-east over Croda da Lago to the distant Antelao ...



... north over the Cinque Torre to the south face of Tofana di Rozes, and beyond that Tofana di Mezzo and Tofana di Dentro ...



... south over the near peak of la Gusela (2595) to Pelmo, with the coach at Passo Giau far below.

Descent to pass involved a fixed rope section off Nuvolau summit and then a steep gully to north of Gusela peak - it was an advantage not having full packs.

Reached Passo Giau and coach in 1h-30, and picked up packs.

Footpath to Forcella Giau does exist - not marked in F&B map.

2h-30 walking in shadow of Croda di Lago brought us to good campsite just beyond Forcella col Duro near Malga Prendera.

Superb views of Pelmo.

Weather: fine but somewhat hazy.

The fixed rope descent off Nuvolau



View from Passo Giau: Mont Averau on the left, the Nuvolau hut just visible on the skyline, the rock tower of La Gusela and Tofana di Rozes

Struck camp at 8.30 and reached Rifugio Citta di Fiume (1917) in 1 hour. Easy path over small cols and through trees.



The sun rises on Pelmo (3168)



Setting off from camp, with Civetta (3220) in the distance



Croda da Lago (2715) and la Rocchetta (2496)

Sentiero Flaibani traversing Pelmo turned out to be steep but technically no problem - the marked glacier appears to have receded. Path climbs up scree gully to grassy platform and then on left hand side of corrie to Forcella Val d'Arcia (2470). Time only 1h-30. View from col impressive, in particular of Antelao.



Grassy platform at the top of the first scree gully

Descended in 4 parties to avoid stonefall, contouring south side of Pelmo. One section with a fixed cable which was more of a hindrance than a help when encumbered with sacks!

Reached Rifugio Venezia di Luca in 1 hour. Good camping in meadows, water from hut spring.



Camped below the Venezia hut with the walls of Pelmo above

Weather: Extremely hot! Afternoon spent lazing and thinking about Ball ledge, but our attempt on the latter remained at the theoretical level.

Monday 4th August**Trek****Lago Coldai****2135**

Struck camp at 10.30, two parties. Mist in morning. Contoured south of Pelmo but missed junction to Palafavera - this is not well marked, so we lost 30 minutes retracing steps. Coach at Palafavera hotel (1541), 200 m below Forcella Staulanza, reached in 2h-30. Unpleasant campsite managers seemed to resent our presence.

Leisurely ascent in afternoon via Col Marin (1818) to Forcella Coldai and Lago Coldai, about 2h-30. Boys allowed to walk up individually. Lake good for bathing.

Weather: Initially drizzle, rain at noon, clearing towards evening.

Tuesday 5th August**Trek****Passo Duran****1601**

Struck camp at 9.15 in two parties. Fine but cool in shadow of Civetta West Wall and climatic conditions prevented us obtaining good views. If you want to see the wall you should aim to pass it in late afternoon.



Camp on the shores of Lago Coldai,
with the Civetta wall towering above



The specks on the nearside edge of the large snowfield
are the second party following on!

Reached Col Reàn and Tissi hut in about 1h-30 (leaving sacks at pass). Continued south below wall along excellent path, reaching meadows at south end of wall. Path turned east below Torre Venezia, through scrubby conifers to Vazzoler hut, 1714 (1h-30 from Tissi). An attractive hut in shady surroundings.



Torre Venezia (2337) on the left and a pinnacle below Cima Di Mede (2346) from the Vazzoler hut

Decided to continue route beneath Moiazza beyond original stopping point. Descended to 1430 and then contoured Moiazza on narrow path, climbing several small cols on way to Forcella di Camp (1891).

This part of route was uncomfortable and rather boring. Good camping site is available at Casera di Camp below col, but we decided (after vote) to press on, through fir trees, to Carestiato hut, 1834 (4 hours from Vazzoler).



Leg-stop on Forcella di Camp

Camping impossible here, so descended to Passo Duran in another 35 minutes.

A long and strenuous day in unpleasant heat with views deteriorating. Passo Duran a boggy and gnat-ridden site with poor water supply. Coach arrived at 8.00 p.m.

Departed about 9.50 in two parties, down road to c. 1530. Path on left climbing to Forcella Dagarei and thence contouring around Tamer/ Castello to Forcella Moschesin (1940). Lack of water until col. Delightful descent through pastures to Rifugio Pramperet, 1776. Total time, 4 hours + 1 hour lunch. No views due to haze. Obtained permission from Forestière to camp close to hut. The hut is a simple, friendly, old fashioned refuge with good food and wine in magnificent surroundings when you can see them.

Weather: Warm, hazy, some breeze.



The old stone-built Pramparet hut



Camped below the hut

Thursday 7th August**Trek
Coach****Pinei
Bolzano**

Struck camp at 7 a.m. in one party. Cloudy but warm - poor visibility. Cima di Citta climb easy, but on descent lost waymarks and had to retrace steps. Kompass map is wrong on course of path, which does not follow valley to immediate west of Cime del Bianchet, but goes to the west of that - as on Freytag-Berndt and Tabacco maps.



Hazy views on the long final descent

Descent thereafter straightforward to Pian Fontana, 1632 and over Forcella di Lavareta, 1704, to head of Val di Vescova. Several snakes sighted, but Schiara remained invisible! Took alternative route to Rifugio Bianchet, 1245 (5h-30 from Pramperet). Spaghetti at hut. Purgatorial descent on forest road to Pinei, and eventually the coach (1h-30). Rock pool to bathe in.



A welcome dip in a rock pool at the end of a long, hot day

Coach to Bolzano to camp - never again! Collected poste restante on way at Agordo.

Friday 8th August	Coach	Bressanone	Free Day
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Left Bolzano as fast as possible and camped again at Bressanone. An attractive town with piazzas and arcades. Thunderstorm in afternoon. Trek meal: Wiener schnitzel + ice-cream in small restaurant.

Saturday 9th August	Coach	Stuttgart
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Same route as outward journey and same campsite.

Sunday 10th August	Coach	Zeebrugge
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Same route as outward journey. Another trek meal! - steak and chips.

Monday 11th August	Coach	Felixstowe - Aylesbury - Manchester
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Arrived Manchester at 5 p.m.

SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

A successful trek with a strong party, achieving much more than initially planned. The MGS and AGS boys mixed well, despite the slight age gap.

The size of the party (31 + 4) slowed us down on tricky sections, and it is definitely preferable to split up for walking. The Tofana ascent would have been much harder with a full party. However, economics dictate a party of about this size if we are to keep costs at about £150. With a smaller party, however, one could probably manage the Marmol via ferrata and finish the whole High Route.

Dolomitic weather is unpredictable - there were heavy snowfalls only days before we reached the area, and, although we encountered no snow problems, we were always aware of the humidity which was relieved only by the evening storms. Also the haze ruined the views in the final few days.

On the whole the paths are well marked and quite safe, and the huts friendly and accommodating. Obviously one must be careful to keep on the right side of the police!

Gerry Leversha 1980

2017 NOTE

As part of the Trekking Centenary celebrations in 2004 a printed Centenary Brochure was produced which gives a comprehensive account of the first 100 year history of Trekking at MGS, together with various summary tables. In 2015 a digital version of the Brochure was produced in order to make it more widely available.

ARTICLE FOR THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE ULULA .

TREK 1980 TRAVELED to the Dolomites of Northern Italy, a mountainous limestone region to the south of the main Alpine chain. While lacking the altitude of the higher Swiss and French Alps, the Dolomites provide some spectacular scenery, being quite different in character from their northern neighbours. The valleys are long and narrow, often with precipitous rock-walls towering above them, and they tend to disappear from sight entirely in views from the high plateaux. Our coach-driver, Dennis, exercised consummate skill in negotiating hairpin bends while bringing the bus to rendezvous with the party at the valley heads.

We were walking the "Alta Via 1", the first of the long-distance footpaths to be set up by the Italian authorities, and well maintained with waymarkings and signposts. Our original intention had been to walk only the first half of it, but our rapid progress in the second week enabled us to complete all but the technically difficult final section.

We assembled at School and loaded sacks, food, camping equipment and supplies into the coach with some trepidation, knowing it would be two days before we would see our beloved belongings again. We then proceeded to Aylesbury to meet the other half of our party, from Aylesbury Grammar School, and led by Mr. Little, who, while at M.G.S., led and participated in many Foreign Treks. A channel crossing and two blistering days later we arrived at the Lago di Braies, ready to commence walking. Equipment was given a final check, food was distributed and we shouldered the rucksacks.

The first day was in some ways the worst: we were unaccustomed to climbing in the heat with packs, and the climb seemed to stretch forever. It was with great relief that we eventually gained the col, and descended to the pastures to search for a campsite. Here arose what was to be a familiar problem, that of finding adequate water supplies. On this occasion we resorted to melted snow, but in future we were luckier and the expedient was not found necessary again.

After that everything seemed downhill by comparison. Among the highlights were the ascents—the whaleback ridge of Croda del Becco, the exhilarating early morning climb to the snowy peak of La Varella, and the long plod in mist up the snowfields to the summit of Tofana di Rozes, 10,500 feet above sea level. As we gazed down the precipitous south face, we breathed out in relief that we had overcome weariness and vertigo yet again. We passed some of the classic rock-walls of Alpine climbing: the magnificent "Wall of Walls" of the Civetta, the gaunt pinnacles of the Cinque Torri, and the famous buttresses of Mount Pelmo, once thought impregnable. We sat in the cafe at the top of Mount Nuvolau, and gazed out over the distant Marmolada and the imposing peaks of Antelao and Croda di Lago, before setting out on the steep descent, aided by fixed cables, to the pass below. And on the last day came the 6,000 feet descent, almost at a jog, to the coach waiting to take us northwards, and an unforgettable dip in a convenient rock pool.

The clear blue skies came as a revelation about European weather to an emigré Australian such as myself. Nonetheless, when a thunderstorm did break, it came with a vengeance, and turned our site into a swirling torrent, and tents were abandoned for the floor of the nearby hut. On the succeeding day the weather was back to form, and fliesheets soon dried in the baking sun as we climbed, dripping with perspiration, to the next col, and the strange lunar landscape of the Grande Lagazuoi.

As on every trek there were the characters: Danny Fletcher, hygiene fiend and chef extraordinaire, Lister Smith, who seemed to do all the chores for his tent without complaining, Graham Liddell from A.G.S., with his finger constantly clicking the shutter of his camera at views, cows and companions, and Peter Collins, also from A.G.S., master of wit and repartee.

The staff too contributed their own special skills. Mr. Little sampled most of the mountain lakes, in the apparent belief that the worth of a bath is proportional to its coldness. Mr. Witton, a Scottish Trek refugee, once he grew used to the unaccustomed luxury of dry boots, discovered that F=ma did not extend to moving certain boys uphill. Dr. Leversha astonished friend and foe alike with his command of Italian, especially when arguing with the local police or negotiating with hut wardens. Mr. Hammond, from A.G.S., gained his first experience of Alpine trekking, and will be helping to continue the tradition at his own school. Dennis Hughes, the driver, walked and camped with us most of the way and proved an invaluable companion (and he's coming next year!). Our thanks go to everybody who made the holiday possible.

David Douglas 5G

ORGANISATION

Equipment	As for the 1979 Trek. Ropes, ice axes and instep crampons were all carried, although only ice axes were needed. All equipment was provided by MGS.
Transport	As for the 1979 Trek. A 45-seat coach from Hughes Coaches.
Route out:	MGS > AGS > Felixstowe > Zeebrugge (overnight ferry) > Köln > Stuttgart (camp) > Innsbruck > Brunico (camp)
Route back:	Bressanone (camp) > Innsbruck > Stuttgart (camp) > Köln > Zeebrugge > > Felixstowe (overnight ferry) > AGS > MGS
Food	Food was mostly dried, making us 90% self-sufficient. Organised by Chris Little together with copious notes on haute cuisine. Food was packaged into individual tent portions.
First Aid	Organised by Allan Witton, and carried in two separate packs. E111 certificates obtained. No problems at all.
Training	MGS: April 20th outing to Kinder. MGS/AGS: 12th/13th July Snowdonia outing as usual.
Insurance	Commercial Union School Journey policy
£1500 per person	(medical, increased travel, death, injury)
£25 per person	(organisers expenses incurred by strike, riot etc.)
£100,000	(public liability, claims upon organiser)
£50 per person	(cancellation, curtailment)
£1000	(personal accident)
£100	(personal luggage, money)
£1500	(camping equipment)

This had an attached memorandum covering us for walking along recognised paths, ropes being used only as a safety measure. This was first negotiated for the 1975 Trek.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure		Notes	
Camping (1)	£304.25	(1) Camping	Leonberg (out) DM138
Food (2)	£890.32		S. Sigesmondo L72,500
First Aid	£12.00		Armonterola L35,000
Insurance	£112.48		Cortina (2 nights) L187,000
Maps/guides	£22.40		Bolzano L80,000
Film	£7.98		Bressanone L86,000
Equipment (3)	£310.00		Leonberg (back) DM133
Secretarial	£3.00		(£1 = DM4 = L1930)
Trek weekend	£46.41		
Travel (4)	£2785.00	(2) Food	England £373.39
			Extras on Trek £273.08
			Allowances £67.50
			Meals £212.35
Income		(3) Equipment	
31 x £150	£4650.00	Calculated on the basis of £10 per trekker paid to MGS to cover depreciation/repairs	
Balance	£156.16	(4) Travel	Coach hire £2000.00
Balance split between MGS and AGS		Ferry fares	£785.00

SKETCH MAP OF THE ROUTE

This is a scan of the sketch map that Gerry drew for the original hand-written log. Digital map-drawing technology wasn't available in 1980!

