

VENOSTA VALLEY HIGH MOUNTAIN TRAIL

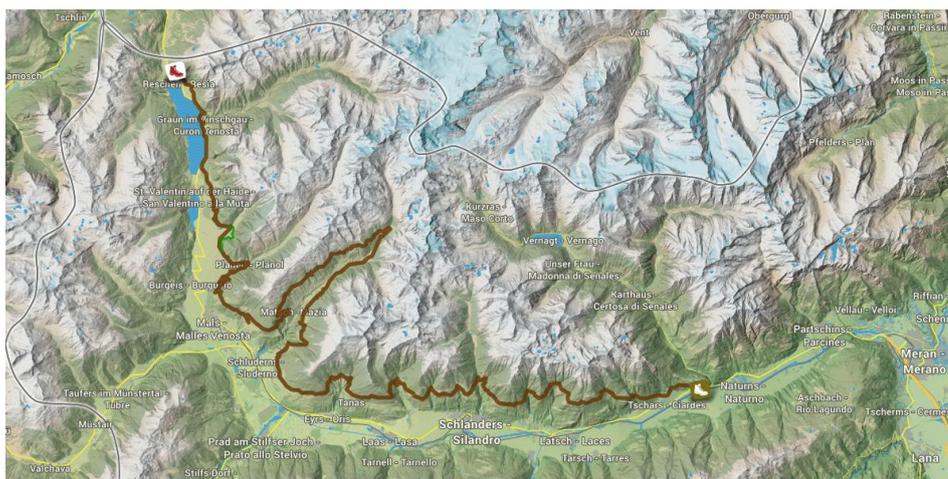
from Stava/Staben to Resia/Reschen

A unique multi-day hike along the sunny slopes of the Venosta Valley

The Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail, which runs from Stava in the Lower Venosta Valley to the source of the Adige River on the Resia Pass, combines several different stages in one delightful adventure route. The 108 kilometer long route runs along both existing and new footpaths, Waalwege trails (former irrigation channel paths) or on the connecting roads between farms. The Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail leads through wildly varying local vegetation and nature: the paths leading along the Monte Sole mountainside feature a diverse flora of steppe grasses and herbs, and offer thrilling views of the highest mountains in South Tyrol and the fertile surrounding valley.

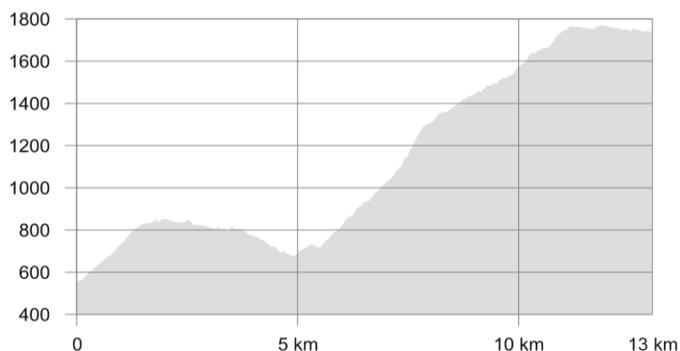
KEY DATA

Start and Finish Point:	Stava (village center) – Resia (source of the Adige River)
 Length	108 km
 Duration	5 one-day stages
 Difference in altitude	5,725 m
 Difference in altitude (descending)	4,673 m
Difficulty	Requires good physical condition, endurance levels and sure-footedness
Best period	April – October (in high summer temperatures can be very hot) Note: short-term and more determined hikers are recommended to hike on weekdays (not weekends)
 Marking	The entire route is marked with the red logo of the trail
Map	Hiking map for Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail, Tappeiner Verlag: 1: 25,000
What should I pack in my backpack?	Warm and weatherproof clothing, rain covering, basic provisions, hiking poles (can be useful), first aid kit



1ST STAGE

FROM STAVA TO S. MARTINO IN MONTE/ST. MARTIN IM KOFEL



 Walking time	Approx. 5 – 5 1/2 hours
 Length	13 km
 Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 1,400 m
 Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 290 m

The first stage leads from the village of Stava along path no. 1 to the Schnalser Waalweg irrigation channel trail. The Waalweg still serves as a source of local irrigation and has been in operation for almost half a millennium. Following trail no. 3, the trail continues along the Trumsberg mountain and offers a unique view of the Venosta Valley basin and the snow-covered glaciers of Val Martello. A well-earned rest can be enjoyed at the Niedermoarhof snack station. Trail no. 2 continues to S. Martino in Monte. This small mountain village above Laces/Latsch, with its 120 inhabitants, rustic mountain farms and the pilgrimage church "Zum Heiligen Martin" is one of the most beautiful destinations in South Tyrol. The cable car station of S. Martino in Monte is open year-round and operates daily between Laces and St. Martino.

Refreshments along the 1st Stage

Hofschank Platztair farm bar, S. Martino in Monte
Phone +39 0473 624528
(about 1 hour from S. Martino in Monte)

Hofschank Niedermoarhof farm bar, Castelbello-Ciardes/Kastelbell-Tschars
Phone +39 0473 624140
(about 2 hours from S. Martino in Monte)

Jausenstation Sonnenhof Alpine snack bar, Castelbello-Ciardes
Phone +39 0473 667892
(about 1/2 hour before the end of the stage)

Hofschank Himmelreich-Hof farm bar, Castelbello-Ciardes
Phone +39 0473 624417
m.fliri@rolmail.net - www.himmelreich-hof.info

Schlosswirt Juval inn, Castelbello-Ciardes
Phone +39 0473 668056
www.schlosswirtjuval.it/gasthaus - gasthaus@schlosswirtjuval.it

Accommodation & Refreshments at the Stage Endpoint

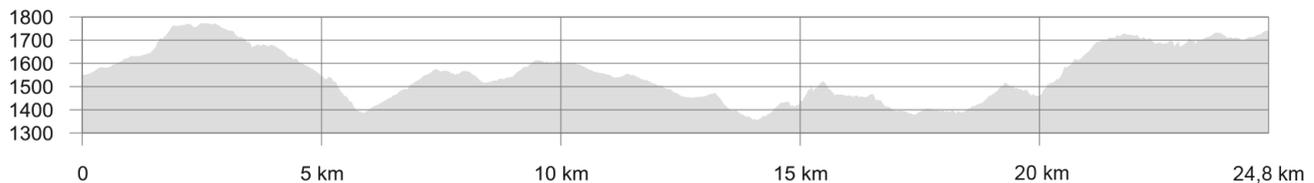
Oberköbenhof, farm holidays, Laces/Latsch
Mobile +39 3391026306
oberkoeben@rolmail.net – www.oberkoeben-latsch.jimdo.com

Oberkaser, apartments, S. Martino in Monte,
Phone + 39 0473 720125
oberkaser@alice.it - www.oberkaser.wordpress.com

Accommodation near the Valley Station of the S. Martino in Monte Cable Car

Hotel Vermoi, Laces
Phone +39 0473623217
info@hotelvermoi.com – www.hotelvermoi.com

2ND STAGE FROM S. MARTINO IN MONTE TO TANAS



 Walking time	Approx. 8-8 1/2 hours
 Length	24.8 km
 Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 1,120 m
 Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 1,360 m

The second stage requires a high degree of physical fitness and stamina, even for experienced hikers. Route no. 14 leads to the beginning of the Egg and Forra farms, then past several dilapidated mountain farms. The ruins of the former Laggar and Zuckbichl farms are the result of water shortages at Monte Sole mountain in Venosta Valley. The route leads further into the Schlandrauntal Valley, then over the Monte Sole mountainside above Silandro/Schlanders in the direction of the Rimpfhöfe farms to the Paflur inn in Tanas.

Refreshments Along the 2nd Stage

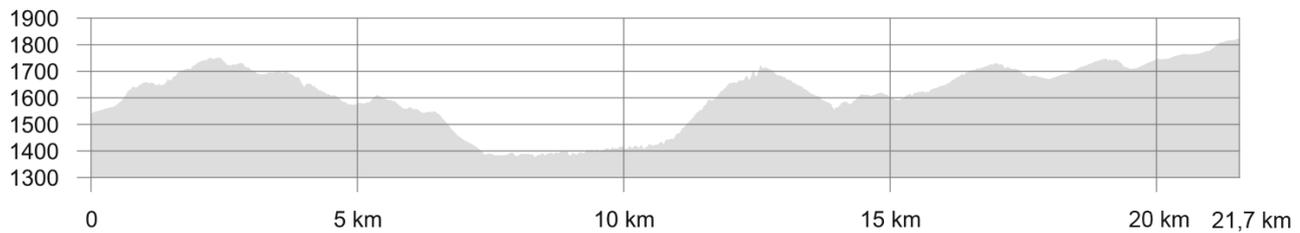
Hofschank Oberkaser farm bar, S. Martino in Monte
Phone + 39 0473 720125
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Accommodation and Rest Stops at the Stage Endpoint

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3RD STAGE

FROM TANAS TO THE GLIESHOF FARM



 Walking time	Approx. 7 hours
 Length	21.7 km
 Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 1,060 m
 Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 780 m

From Tanas the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail leads in the direction of Frinigo di Sopra/Oberfrinig and Frinigo di Sotto/Unterfrinig, to the Gschneierhöfe farms and the Birkenhof Alpine snack bar (located about 30 minutes below the Venosta Valley High Mountain trail) above Sluderno/Schluderns. As the name of the snack bar suggests, you can enjoy a unique panoramic view of the Ortler mountain group along this stage of the route. A worthwhile descent leads along path no. 21 to Sluderno and to Churburg Castle. From the Gschneierhöfe, the trail leads along the so-called Waalweg irrigation channel trail. The Gschneier Waalweg trail was constructed in 1465 and is the highest Waalweg trail in Sluderno. The old irrigation path first leads along open slopes featuring beautiful views of the valley and then through the forest. The route winds its way through the shady forest to the Matschertal Valley. Here, there is still a remaining ascent to be mastered. Leading past the Marseillehof and Ellhof farms, the route arrives at the Runnhöfe farms (where a stretch of paved road must be navigated), which then leads to the final destination. After this demanding and lengthy stage, the Glieshöfe farms offer overnight accommodation at the end of the valley of the Matschertal, at an altitude of 1,800 m.

Refreshments and Accommodation Along the 3rd Stage

Birkenhof farm, Sluderno
Mobile +39 347 4338931
info@birken-hof.com – www.birken-hof.com
(about 30 minutes below the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail)

Hahnenhof, Matsch
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Aviunshof, Matsch
Tel. +39 334 1642422
info@aviunshof.it – www.aviunshof.it

Tumpaschin-Hof, Matsch
+39 0473 842635
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Kartatschhof, Matsch
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info@kartatschof – www.kartatschof.it

Accommodation at the Stage Endpoint

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Almhotel Glieshof mountain hotel, Mazia
Phone +39 0473 842622
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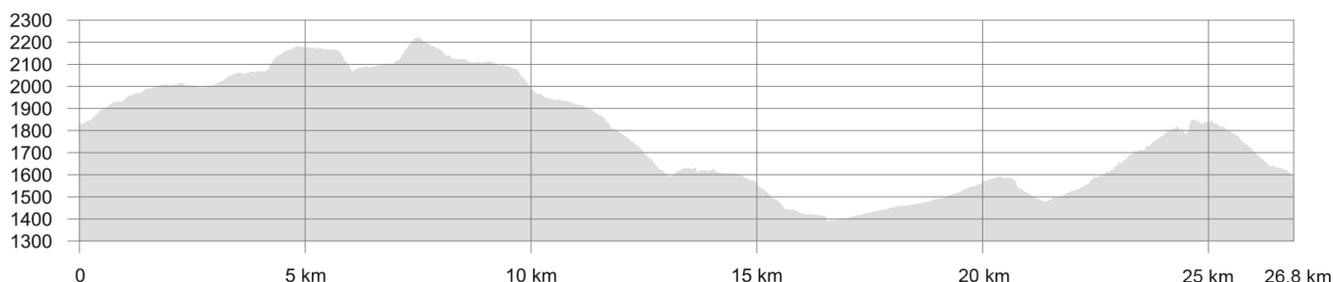
Inner-Glieshof, farm holidays, Mazia
Phone +39 0473 842659
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Ausser-Glieshof, farm holidays, Mazia
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Ausserglieshof Theiner farm, Mazia
Phone + 39 0473 842637
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Thaneihof farm, Mazia
Phone +39 0473 842614
info@thaneihof.com - www.thaneihof.com

4TH STAGE FROM THE GLIESHÖFE FARMS TO PLANOL/PLANEIL



 Walking time	Approx. 9.5 – 10 hours
 Length	26.8 km
 Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 1,391 m
 Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 1,633 m
Highlights	Marienberg Abbey, Ortler Mountain, Stelvio National Park, Malettes
Note	Good physical condition required

The fourth stage leads from the Glieshöfe farms to the Matscher Alm mountain pasture at a height of 2,045 m, the highest point along the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail. Leading along the southeast-facing slopes of the Matschertal Valley, this stage extends over Mazia up to the small village of Monteschino/Muntetsching above Malles/Mals. Trail no. 14 leads to the hamlet of Monteschino above Tarces/Tartsch. Further along the route, this stage of the Venosta Valley High Trail leads from the hamlet of Monteschino above Tarces to Malettes along trail no. 16 above Malles and offers wonderful views of the Ortler and Sesvenna groups and over the Münstertal Valley to neighboring Switzerland. The village of Planol/Planeil, with its highly unique character, consists of closely-built mountain farms. The mountain settlement bears witness of the persistence and hard work of the local mountain farmers and their yearly livelihood.

Option 2: Spitzige Lun Mountain, 2,324 m

Glieshöfe farms – Eisawiesen meadows – Gondahütte mountain hut – Gondaalm pasture – Spitzige Lun – Planol

 Walking time	Approx. 6.5 – 7 hours
 Length	17.9 km
 Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 980 m
 Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 1,200 m
Note	It is recommended to take along sufficient provisions – the descent from the Spitzige Lun to Planol is very steep.

This variation of the tour also starts at the Glieshöfe farms. Take trail no. 8 (which leads up to the Portlesspitze peak) past the Thaneihöfe farms up to the Eisawiesen pasture, and then walk along route no. 16 in the direction of the Gondahütte mountain hut. Once there, depart from the original route of the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail above the Gondahütte and continue along route no. 16, past the new Gondaalm mountain pasture, always following the sign-posted trail, marked in red, until reaching the Tartscher Lager on route no. 13 from Mazia. Follow this trail up to the Spitzige Lun with subsequent descent via the trail no. 12 A to Planol.

Accommodation & Refreshments at the Stage Endpoint

Gasthof zur Gemse inn, Planol
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www.gasthof-gemse.it – info@gasthof-gemse.it

Pritscheshof farm, Planol
Mobile +39 348 7008445
www.pritscheshof.net – info@pritscheshof.net

Morigglhof farm, Malles
Phone +39 0473 840879
www.morigglhof.com – info@morigglhof.com

Accommodation along the 4th Stage

Lechtlhof farm, Malles
Phone +39 345 9698649
info@lechtlhof.it – www.lechtlhof.it
(about 1 1/2 hours before Mazia)

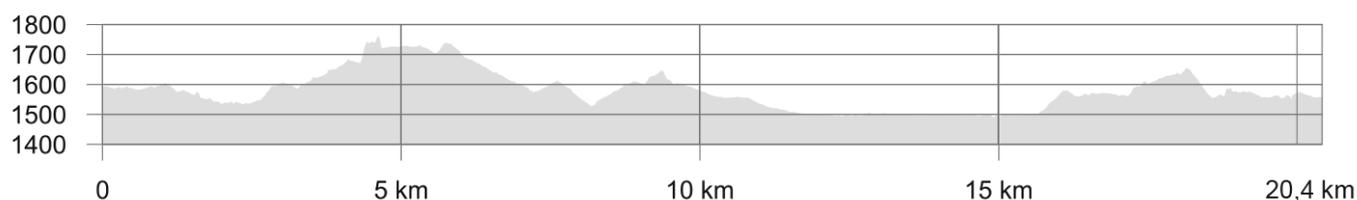
Gemassenhof farm, Tarces
Mobile +39 340 8984388
info@gemassenhof.it – www.gemassenhof.it
(about 1 1/2 hours before Mazia)

Montecinhof, Tarces
Mobile + 39 335 5627210
info@montecin.com – www.montecin.com
(about 1 1/2 hours before Mazia)

Fichtenhof, Tarces
Phone +39 0473 831697
fichtenhof@rolmail.net – www.fichtenhof.bz.it

Rainalterhof farm, Tarces/Malles (about 1 1/2 hours before Mazia)
Phone + 39 0473 831764
Mobile +39 339 1026306
reinalterhof@gmail.com

5TH STAGE FROM PLANOL TO RESIA/RESCHEN



	Walking time	Approx. 6 – 6.5 hours
	Length	20.5 km
	Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 920 m
	Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 956 m
Note		It is recommended to bring sufficient provisions with you
Highlights		Church Tower in the Lake, Bunker
Departure		Bus to Malles, Venosta Valley Train from Malles

The fifth and final stage of the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail extends over the small mountain villages of Ultimo/Ulten, Alsago/Alsack and Piavenna/Plawenn in the Upper Venosta Valley. Piavenna lies at the beginning of the scree cones of the Malser Haide. At this hamlet is also located the highest situated and still-inhabited aristocratic estate in the Alps, at 1,730 m. The route leads to S. Valentino alla Muta/St. Valentin auf der Haide and along the lakeside promenade of the Resia Lake to the tower in the lake, the most striking attraction in Venosta Valley. The construction of the reservoir in 1950 flooded the village of Curon/Graun and parts of Resia. Today, only the tower in the lake testifies to the existence of the former and now-sunken villages. The final destination of the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail is the source of the Adige River. Also worth seeing is the bunker, which was built in the source area of the Adige and dug into the rock.

Alternative 1: Via the Schöneben Panoramaweg Trail to the Malga S. Valentino Mountain Pasture

	Walking time	Approx 2.5 hours
	Length	6 km
	Difference in altitude (ascending)	Approx. 280 m
	Difference in altitude (descending)	Approx. 250 m

If desired, a beautiful hiking trail leads from S. Valentino alla Muta to Resia. Take the cable car, which starts below the Hotel Mountain Living and travels up to Malga S. Valentino/Haideralm. From there, take the High Mountain Trail (first no. 9 and then no. 14) to Belpiano/Schöneben. This affords magnificent views of the Malga S. Valentino and the Resia lakes, as well as the Langtaufertal Valley and up to Weißkugel mountain. Once there, take the Belpiano cable car to the final destination.

Belpiano Cable Car, Resia
Tel. +39 0473 633 333
Open from 30th May to 13th October
www.schoeneben.it – info@schoeneben.it

Malga S. Valentino Cable Car, S. Valentino
Tel. +39 0473 633 333
Open from 30th May to 13th October
www.schoeneben.it – info@schoeneben.it

Accommodation in the Villages of Curon, S. Valentino and Resia



Entrance to the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail

S. Valentino: trail no. 6

Fischerhäuser / S. Valentino: trail no. 3

Planol, Ultimo, Alsago and Piavenna

Malles: trail no. 12

Tarces: trail no. 18

Mazia: trail no. 13 + 15 + 16

Sluderno: trail no. 20 + 21

Spondigna: trail no. 23A + 17

Oris: trail no. 25 + 21 + 21A

Tanas: trail no. 25

Alliz: trail no. 19 + 17 + 17a

Corces: Ilswaal trail no. 8 + 15

Silandro: trail no. 7 + 14 + 4

Vezzano: trail no. 16

Coldrano - Tiss: trail no. 5 + 14

Laces: S. Martino cable car, Phone +39 0473 622 212, <http://www.latsch-martell.it/en/summer-winter-aktiv/aufstiegs-systems/> / ropeway-st-martin-im-kofel

Colsano: trail no. 1B and no. 3

Ciardes: Tscharser Waalweg trail no. 3

Stava: trail no. 1



Parking

Resia: sports ground, free and unguarded (walking time: about 10 minutes to the Adige River source)

Stava: in the village center at the train station, free and unguarded



Public Transportation

Information and timetables: www.sii.bz.it, www.vinschgauerbahn.it, Green number 840 000



Taxis and Hiking Shuttles

Resia, Taxi Elmar Raffeiner, Tel. +39 0473 632078

S. Valentino, Taxi Prenner, Tel. +39 335 5438690

Mazia, Taxi Thanei, Tel. +39 335 7096222

Malles, Taraboi Armin, Tel. +39 0473 831106 or Tel. +39 347 7987265

Malles, Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail hiking taxi, tel. +39 3335657464

Malles, Taxi TOP, Tel. +39 333 842 0444

Malles, Taxi Iris, Tel. +39 333 5657464

Silandro, Mobilcar, Tel. +39 338 5075462

Silandro, Stegges Taxi, Tel. +39 335 5440620

Coldrano, Fleischmann Raimund, Tel. +39 0473 742537 or Tel. +39 335 6072482

Laces, Taxi Pepi, Tel. +39 335 6746000

Castelbello, Bernhard Waldner, rental car with driver, Tel. +39 335 6828514



Tips for Safe Hiking and Mountaineering

- > Plan your hikes: Information on length and difficulty is essential for a safe experience in the mountains. Inform your family or your host about your destination.
- > Before each tour, consult the current weather reports and keep an eye on weather developments throughout the hiking tour. Hosts and landlords also provide useful information about the local weather situation.
- > Estimate your condition objectively and select the most suitable tour. Start early in the morning and schedule enough time to return before dark.
- > Choose a moderate and regular walking pace. Be sure to take sufficient breaks, especially if you are hiking with children.
- > Make sure you have enough fluid! The most suitable drinks are water, tea or natural juices.
- > Pay attention to the correct equipment, in particular sturdy walking shoes: Proper hiking boots provide a secure fit and protect the joints.
- > Choose lightweight and breathable clothing and appropriate reserve wash.
- > Always pay attention to the weaker in your group. Warn other hikers about dangers and provide first aid in the case of an emergency.
- > Respect nature with respect: avoid noise, do not leave any rubbish behind and protect the local vegetation. Note any protected plants and animals.
- > Always follow the sign-posted route and stay on the marked paths and climbs. From time to time, consult your hiking map, in the case of doubt, return in good time.

(Source: Autonomous Province of Bolzano-South Tyrol, Tourism Department)



Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency number South Tyrol: 112

Alpine Information: Phone +39 0471 999955 - www.alpine-auskunft.it

Weather information: Tel. +39 0471 271177 - www.provinz.bz.it/wetter



Our Tip: Package Offers for the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail

Including overnight stay with breakfast, daily luggage transport, hiking map for the Venosta Valley High Mountain Trail, well-prepared route guidance, service hotline, and Venosta Valley Card for the return to the starting point.

Contact:

Vinschgau Touristik
Via Stazione/Bahnhofstraße 36c
39024 Malles
Phone +39 0473 616742
info@vinschgau-touristik.com



More details and further information about road blocks can be found on our interactive map (maps.vinschgau.net) or at: <https://www.vinschgau.net/en/mountain-holidays/hiking-mountain-tours/venosta-valley-high-mountain-trail.html>

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