



ITALY, MONT BLANC RANGE

Mont Vert de Greuvetta Group: between P2825 and P2810 Dinosaur Gully

RATING/DIFFICULTY:

- » D-, M3/4, 380 m climbing distance, 300 m vertical elevation.

LOCATION/ACCESS:

- » The prominent line of weakness to the left of the South West Ridge leading to the small sub summit on the summit ridge between P2825m and P2810m. Climbed in Scottish winter style in very cold autumn conditions using frozen turf, thin ice, unconsolidated snow and snowed up rock. Start just left of the South West Ridge Direct (Prentice-Richardson 2012) and scramble 50m along turf ledges to a notch on the horizon. GPS: 45.87737°N, 7.04025°E @ 2440m (20 min. approach from Comino hut).

EQUIPMENT/GEAR:

- » Pecker, C4-Camalots 0.3–3.0, 1 set of Stoppers, slings, 50m double ropes.

NOTE:

No water access at Comino hut. You can collect water at a stream about 30 min. west of the hut. There is moderate 4G reception about 15 min. west of the hut near the black-yellow pole for emergency calls.

FIRST ASCENT:

- » Micha Rinn (Germany) and Simon Richardson (Scotland), 28 September 2020.



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ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

1. 45m Move left along ledges and climb a steep barrier wall into the gully.
2. 45m Climb the ice gully to its top, move left, surmount a chockstone and climb turfey mixed ground to the crest of the ridge on the left. This lies just right of a second deeper gully on the left.
3. 30m Move along the crest of the ridge and drop down into the left gully. Belay on the right wall.
4. 50m Continue up into a steep section of the gully and climb its right wall on good holds to where the angle eases. This is on the left side of a large grassy meadow at mid height on the face.
5. 70m Move easily up the wide shallow gully above to where it forks.
6. 50m Climb the left-hand gully over a couple of short steps.
7. 50m Continue up the gully and surmount a steep chock stone at the top of the pitch.
8. 40m Climb easy angled mixed ground to the right of the gully to gain the summit ridge just north of the sub summit.

DECENT:

- » Abseiling down the route, slings and one piton in place (2 x 50m ropes required).