

ALPE DI LOO



Difficulties:	E - Excursionist
Departure:	Gressoney Saint Jean - Loomatten (1330 m)
Arrival:	Loocoll (2452 m)
Duration going there:	3h15'
Duration coming back:	2h45' approx.
Trail sign:	12
cellphone coverage:	wind : 60% coverage

Description of the route:

Parked the car in the small car park of Loomatten, take the lane that climbs on the left of the chapel of St Nicholas, built in the XVII century. The houses you will soon meet are of the same period and belong to the upper cluster of Loomatten.

Left the village on our right, the mule track starts: it goes up the left side of the Lys Valley, first crossing ancient landslides and then advancing in a green spruce. A wooden bridge allows reaching the left bank of the stream Loo, after which the trail begins to climb more briskly and moves towards the inland of the valley.

The ascent may be fatiguing at times, but you will soon reach a higher altitude and, just before crossing the stream Loo again, the trail slackens.

You will pass by the lower pastures of Loo (1854 m - 1h15'). At this point the path continues alongside the stream, almost on a slight slope: in front of you, you will see the squat outline of Mont Kick. After having crossed a marshy area and some isolated pastures, the trail starts climbing to reach the upper pastures of Loo (2084 m - 2h), whose pretty church deserves a break. The trail continues heading straight for Mont Kick, which will be bypassed by holding the left; exceeded its top, a slight downhill brings closer to the stream that now flows in a deep gorge. The Loocol (m. 2452, 3h15') is at the summit of the last, and more severe, uphill stretch.

