

61 Lac de Bastani, 2089m, and Monte Renoso, 2352m

4.15 hrs.



Two-thousander without difficulty

Out of the »Big Six« – Monte Cinto, Monte Rotondo, Paglia Orba, Monte Padru, Monte d'Oro and Monte Renoso – Monte Renoso is certainly the easiest to reach. The route is worth taking if only to experience the idyllically situated Bastani lake and to enjoy sweeping views of Southern Corsica and also of Monte d'Oro and Monte Rotondo.

Location: Ghisoni, 635m.

Starting point: Gîte U Renosu, 1670m, at the Capannelle ski resort. From Ghisoni drive 6.5km towards the Col de Verde, turn right towards the ski resort (11km), and just before reaching it, at the fork in the road, turn right to ascend to the upper car park with the Gîte U Renosu.

Height difference: 750m.

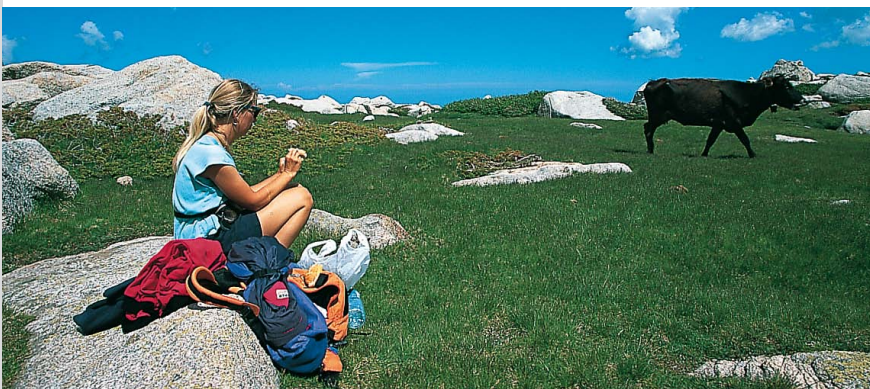
Grade: easy, but somewhat strenuous walk; the path is well-marked.

Refreshment and accommodation: Gîte d'étape U Fugone by the ski resort, hotel in Ghisoni.



Alternatives: the route can also be started from the Gîte d'étape U Fugone (add 20 mins. to the overall time). Circular route: Renoso – Col de Pruno – Bergeries des Pozzi – Plateau de Gialgone (then via the GR 20) – car park (total time 9 hrs.).
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Idyllic meadowed plateau half way along the path to Bastani lake.



Bastani lake with Monte Renoso.

Start off from the **car park** at the end of the road by the Gîte U Renosu to continue along the broad gravel road and cross over the wooden bridge. 200m after that, turn diagonally right onto a narrower trail that leads somewhat above a mountain station for a ski-lift. When the trail ends, a cairn-marked path continues to the right, following the ascending ridgeline to reach, after a total of 45 minutes, a small **meadowland plateau** (1893m) where the Pizzolo stream flows along its course. Pass a basin, criss-crossed by rivulets, on its left side (a pretty spot for a picnic), cross over the stream and climb easily to the left along an almost imperceptible ridge. Soon the ridge appears which will lead to the summit. Cross over another high valley bearing left (if you continue straight on through the valley you can ascend directly up to the Renoso ridge) and after 1½ hrs. reach the shores of **Bastani lake**, 2089m, nestling in a hollow.

Now continue right, up along the ridge and before the next hollow, ascend to the right, up to the ridge (just under ½ hr.; make a note of the path for the descent in case the mist comes down suddenly). The broad desert-like ridge leads left uphill to reach the summit of **Monte Renoso** (½ hr.; metal cross).

