

Punta Malanda – 1 166 m « Sintomi Strani »

250 m / ABO- / 7c max / 7a obl.

Aspect: North (in the shade until 5 pm)

Style: Vertical / Crack

Timetable: Approach 1h40, Climbing 5h

Equipment: Eq 2 (partial trad climbing)

1st ascent: David Bacci and Matteo Della Bordella, April 2012

Gear: 2 racks of cams from the very small to #1, 1 #2 and #3, 1 rack of nuts (better offset), double ropes recommended.

Descent : Rappel down the route.

Approach: park the car at the side of the road in "bocca laronu" just after the road starts to descend.

Take the path that leads in the canyon of Purcaraccia (20 min). Once in the canyon, go up in the valley, staying on the right side of the Creek, follow the path and the cairns until when the walls starts to be visible on the left (1h). Then cross the river and continue to go up on the left side, until you are below the wall itself (1h20). Eventually climb up a dry Creek coming down from the wall, and reach the base hiking through bushes and steep grass (**1h30/40 from the parking**).

The first three pitches of the wall follow a logical splitter crack, afterwards the climb goes on among big huecos and tafoni. The rock is generally solid, but sometimes a bit slippery because of the lichen. The wall stays in the shade until 5 pm and is a good choice for warm days.

A proper free ascent of the route is still missing and grades need to be confirmed on the last pitches.

Route description : all the belays are bolted

P1: 7b+, 30m (2 bolts): Start into obvious crack/corner in between the two trees, then traverse right (bolt) and overcome a bulge on the right (bolt), then back left to the anchor, watch out the rope drag.

P2: 7a, 30m (3 bolts): Follow the obvious crack system.

P3: 7b+, 45m (2 bolts): Follow the thin crack (offset nuts useful), then get into the "tafone" and overcome the bulge.

P4: 7c, 25m (5 bolts): Bouldery start (Dade's Boulder) then straight and eventually traverse right (delicate and dirty rock).

P5: 7b?, 45m (5 bolts?): Straight and then right around the big huecos, watch for the rope drag.

P6: 6c?, 30m (? bolts).

P7: 6c?, 50m (? bolts) : Last pitch on very good and clean rock.

It is possible to reach the very summit of Punta Malanda on easy terrain (dotted line).

