

# WALKING IN ITALY'S STELVIO NATIONAL PARK

Italy's largest alpine national park

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Bordering the Dolomites to the east, and Switzerland to the west, the Stelvio National Park in the Rhaetian Alps is one of the most extensive protected areas in the Alps. The unspoilt landscape ranges from valley farmland and villages that have been occupied for centuries, forested hillsides and alpine meadows, up to a wilderness of rugged glaciated summits and ridges, the highest of which is Ortler, at 3905m.

The 38 routes in this guide offer a wide variety of summertime day walks on well-maintained and signed pathways that link a network of picturesque villages and hospitable mountain refuges.

## Key marketing points

- Walking opportunities are suitable for most abilities
- One of the largest protected areas in Italy and the whole of the Alpine chain
- Easily accessible via Milan, Verona or Munich, with excellent local public transport facilities
- Varied mountain scenery, abundant wildlife and historic local interest

## About the author

After a degree in Anthropology and working in adult education, Gillian Price travelled through Asia and trekked the Himalaya. Eventually settling in Venice, she now works as a freelance travel writer. Gillian is steadily exploring all the mountain ranges and flatter parts of Italy, and has produced a series of outstanding guides for Cicerone. She is an active member of the Italian Alpine Club CAI and Mountain Wilderness.

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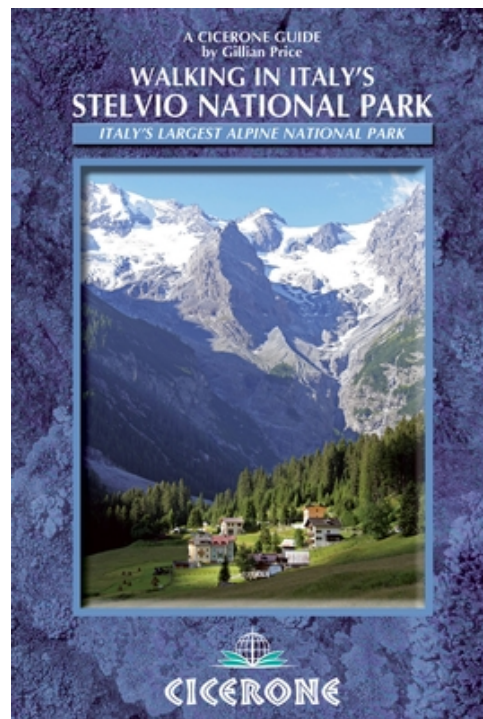
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