



Area: **Western Dolomites** – Group: **Valle del Sarca** – Peak/Summit: **Limarò / Dain delle Sarche**

Route: **“Maestri’s Dihedral” (Diedro Maestri)** - Face: **South - West**

Difference in height: **350 mt** - Length: **about 400 mt (9 pitches; 60m ropes)**

Level: **ED- (or VI +/A0 UIAA)**

First Ascent: **C. Maestri – C. Baldessari (1957)**

Information(s) & Reference(s): **Filippi D. “Pareti del Sarca. Vie classiche e moderne nella valle del Sarca”. Edizioni Versante Sud, 2007 (Further data will be given on request, with no responsibility. Mountaineering and Climbing are dangerous and risky activities whoever decides to practice on his/her own responsibility! – Please, mail your question/s to: info@ilmonodito.it.)**

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“Maestri’s Dihedral”, a superb historical route on the South-West face of Limarò wall (Valle del Sarca, Trento, Italy), is one of the most desirable climbing in Valle del Sarca. It was first climbed in 1957 by Cesare Maestri, a worldwide famous mountaineer even known as “Il Ragno delle Dolomiti”, and his fellow Claudio Baldessari. Those climbers drew their route using lots of pitons and choks, and in many instances even rungs. The route level was then classified in the range of “extremely difficult” that is: free climbing and artificial climbing. That was the “super-direttissima age” in Dolomites.

Thereafter, many climbers have reached the flat woody top of Limarò through “Via Maestri” and have demonstrated that artificial climbing was not so needed as in the past. Nowadays, in fact, only **a few A0-passages** (UIAA scale of difficulty) must be climbed along the entire route.

Running on a 350-meter-high dihedral which carves the South-West face of Limarò wall, from its bottom to the top with no interruption, “Via Maestri” remains a magnificent example of **high-level classic free climbing ascent**. Many pitons (even a few spits) are present along the route (not only at the stands), but you are advised to have “Friends” and “Exentrics”. Climbers must also be advised not to climb “Maestri’s Dihedral” soon after rain: because the stone remains wet quite long.

No doubt exists in recognizing the dihedral in its whole looking at Limarò wall, while walking on the road that runs from Sarche to Tione/Madonna di Campiglio. At the third “U-turn”, you can stop and take pictures of the wall and the route as well. Nevertheless, look at the following pictures taken in 2007. (Please, see the next two pages)



Any doubt? No one at all: that's a perfect dihedral



Limarò canyon where Sarca river flows before entering the Garda Lake



On the way



Woody stand



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An overhang along the dihedral



Looking at the bottom



It is all right!