



Area: **Western Dolomites** - Group: **Valle del Sarca** - Mountain/Peak: **Limarò /Dain delle Sarche**

Route: **"Via Gadotti – Andreotti"** - Face: **South – West**

Difference in height: **350 mt** – Length: **420 mt (10 pitches + 1, with no difficulty across a pensile wood)**

Level: **TD+ (or VI +/AO UIAA)**

First Ascent: **F. Gadotti – A. Andreotti (1972)**

Information(s) & References: **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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After Cesare Maestri, the famous "Ragno delle Dolomiti", who first climbed this wall in 1957, other mountaineers have drawn several routes along the overhanging Limarò South – West face (Valle del Sarca, Trento, Italy). Among those, I desire to highlight the "Via Gadotti-Andreotti": a 400-meters-high classic and unique ascent. In fact, at my knowledge, no other wall in the Dolomites is characterized by the presence of such a luxuriant ivy tree which need to be climbed (30 mt) before reaching the stone at the beginning of the ascent. Very unusual. After that, the route runs along cracks and dihedrals less than 100 meters on the left of the "Via Maestri". The first half of the wall is overhanging and five pitches (over ivy tree) are needed to get to a pensile wood at the bottom of the vertical dihedral which has to be climbed in the second half of the ascent (four pitches, if you use 55- to 60-meters-long ropes). Along the entire course of "Via Gadotti", the rock is good, but in some instances holds and footholds must be tested before the use. A number of pitons (even a few spits) are present, mainly at the stands: nevertheless "friends" and "exentrics" are certainly useful and 60-meters ropes are advisable.

In conclusion: Whoever is planning to climb in the South area of Western Dolomites, should keep in mind "Via Gadotti-Andreotti". Moreover: should some people be already climbing "Via Gadotti", you still have the chance to climb on Limarò wall, choosing between "Maestri's Dihedral" or "Via Il Razzismo dal Mondo (by G. Stenghel)" which both run on the right of "Via Gadotti" and not far from it.

(Please, see some pictures in the next pages).



The ivy tree grasped to the wall



The ivy tree has been climbed



On the route



Flowers and rocks



Leaving the overhanging part of the wall



At the beginning of the final dihedral



Approaching the top



A good job!