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RIVA DEL GARDA



**STAY ON TRAIL.  
STAY ON THE STORY.**

**Welcome to the**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda**  
**1-3 May 2026**

## CONTACT POINTS FOR MEDIA

### Press Office & Accreditation

That's your starting point for the 32<sup>nd</sup> FSA Bike Festival Riva, where you will get all the information and documents you need to cover the Bike Festival, including your press accreditation and goodie bag.

**Location:** Directly at the entrance of the Media Room, Viale Rovereto, 3, Riva del Garda (Sala Rosa at the Hotel Du Lac)

Opening hours:

Thursday, 30 April: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Friday, 1 May and Saturday, 2 May: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, 3 May: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

### New for 2026: Special Press Preview

For the first time, the Expo Area will open at 9:00 am on Friday, 1 May, before the official opening, just for media and industry professionals. There, you can discover new products, have conversations and network in a relaxed atmosphere.

Meeting point:

Friday, 1 May at 9:00 am at the accreditation desk. Click [here](#) to register.

### Media Room

Your dedicated Media Room is a separate space where you can work in a quiet environment, write articles, download videos and photos, and take a break. Access is available with accreditation, which can be obtained at the press office. Drinks, coffee and snacks are also available on site.

**Location:** Viale Rovereto, 3, Riva del Garda (Sala Rosa at the Hotel Du Lac)

Opening hours:

Friday, 1 May and Saturday, 2 May: 10:00 to 19:00,

Sunday, 3 May: 10:00 to 16:00

### Garda Trentino Booth

You'll be right in the heart of the action on the roof terrace of our Garda Trentino Booth in the Expo Area, where you can work and conduct interviews while enjoying the Bike Festival atmosphere and the stunning views.

**Location:** Garda Trentino stand in the Expo Area

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Opening hours:

Friday, 1 May: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm,  
Saturday, 2 May: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm,  
Sunday, 3 May: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Get together**

Dolce Vita at its finest: this **get-together** with aperitifs and snacks is the perfect opportunity for media representatives to network and get in the mood for the Bike Festival.

Venue & time:

Garda Trentino Booth, Friday, 1 May, 12:00

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**Good to know**

- Daily updates with video and image material
- Press kit with information and tips (in three languages)
- Goodie bag with practical festival gadgets
- Bike passes for gravel, MTB, eMTB and road

**Parking passes** and **meal vouchers** are available on request. An experienced PR team will be available on site to assist with all enquiries – from coordinating interviews to providing behind-the-scenes insights into the Bike Festival. Those wishing to experience the festival on two wheels can secure limited **starting places for selected races and tours**.

Press images for free editorial use: **Photo and video material**

Latest Bike Festival information: **Press releases**

## ABOUT THE FSA BIKE FESTIVAL RIVA DEL GARDA

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# FSA BIKE FESTIVAL

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The FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda has been THE meeting place for cycling enthusiasts from all over the world for over 30 years. From 1 to 3 May 2026, Riva del Garda will once again offer an unforgettable experience thanks to a vast **Expo Area**, exciting races ranging from the **Bike Marathon** and the **MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino** to the **Bosch eMTB Challenge** and the **Scott Junior Trophy**, as well as many side events. At the heart of the festival is the **Test Area**, featuring over 1,500 mountain, e-mountain, gravel and other bikes. Special highlights include the presentation of the **Bike Festival Awards** with new categories, the **Future Summit** on the topic of artificial intelligence, and the exhibitors' evening on 30 April at a new venue. With formats such as the **Biker's Choice Award**, the community will be actively involved for the first time to decide on the best stands at the Expo.



Visitors can discover the stunning landscape around Lake Garda on **guided tours** – with new formats such as Sunrise and Sunset Rides, for example, or with a Gravel Ride through the Sarca and Comano valleys. They can improve their riding technique at the **MTB School** in the Skill Park Busatte, whilst the festival's new Overnight Bikepacking initiative offers a more relaxed off-road experience away from the traditional programme. Not only that, but the Garda Trentino region boasts top-class **accommodation and gastronomy** for festival visitors to enjoy.

Find everything you need to know about the **Expo Area** [here](#).

Information on **food and drink** available [here](#).

Information on **accommodation** available [here](#).

Information on **arrivals** available [here](#).

## THE HISTORY OF THE BIKE FESTIVAL RIVA DEL GARDA

**1994:** Uli Stanciu, together with BIKE magazine, creates the Bike Festival Riva del Garda as a mountain biking community gathering.

**1995:** The first marathon takes place.

**2002:** Mountain bikers perform some mad jumps at the Siemens Mobile Lake Jump.

**2006:** The enduro trend takes off thanks to the Specialized Enduro Rides at Marmitte.

**2007:** The first Open Night – no closing time at the Expo on Saturday!

**2008:** Bike stuntman Bobby Root impresses with his aerial displays.

**2010:** King of Dirt becomes an unforgettable dirt spectacle.

**2013:** Danny MacAskill and Tom Öhler thrill the crowds with their extraordinary tricks.

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**2014:** The City Eliminator sees a thrilling sprint race take place in the streets of Riva.

**2016:** First-ever marathon with eMTBs.

**2017:** The Bosch eMTB Challenge takes place for the first time.

**2022:** Action superstar Fabio Wibmer electrifies the festival visitors with his skills.

**2023:** A gravel event is held for the first time.

**2024:** The Bike Festival Riva del Garda celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**2025:** A new, improved expo site; the Bike Festival Riva Future Summit and eBike Marathon take place for the first time.

**2026:** The community gets involved even more actively with the first-ever 'Biker's Choice' Award, and with new tours and formats added to the programme.

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

### **Thursday, 30 April 2026**

09:00-13:00 **ITRS Workshop**, Hotel Du Lac et du Parc

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm: **Bike Festival Riva Future Summit**, Hotel du Lac et du Parc

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm: **Exhibitors' Evening**

### **Friday, 1 May 2026**

10:00 am – 7.00 pm: **Expo Area** open

09:00 am: **Start of the Bosch eMTB Challenge**, Parco dell'Ora

11:00 am: **Official opening**, main stage

2.00 pm – 3:00 pm: Presentation of the **Bike Festival Award**, main stage

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm: **SICK! Show** – powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

5.00 pm: **Barefooting and breathing techniques**, Miralago Sud

6.00 pm: Bosch eMTB Challenge **prize-giving ceremony**, main stage

4.00 pm – midnight: **Red Bull Summer Vibes**, Miralago Sud

### **Saturday, 2 May 2026**

07:30 am: **Start of the Bike Marathon**, Viale Dante in Riva del Garda

09:00 am: Dynamic **yoga**, Miralago Sud

10:00 am to 7:00 pm: **Expo Area** open

10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Behind Every Trail – **IMBA Trail Building Clinic**

11.30 am to 12.00 pm: **SICK! Show** – powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

1.00 pm: **Prize-giving ceremony for the Ronda Piccola Bike Marathon**, main stage

4.00 pm: **Prize-giving ceremony for the Ronda Grande & Extrema Bike Marathons**, main stage

6.00 pm to 10.00 pm: **Warm-up Party** by Fenz, Spiaggia degli Olivi

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm: **Open Night** Expo Area

9.00 pm to 3.00 am: **Bike Festival Party**, Spiaggia degli Olivi

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**Sunday, 3 May 2026**

08:00 am: **Start of the MAXXIS Gravel** Garda Trentino, Parco dell'Ora

10:00 am – 4:00 pm: **Expo Area** open

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: **Start of the SCOTT Junior Trophy**, Parco Miralago

11:30 am: **Biker's Choice Award** ceremony

1.00 pm: **MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino Short prize-giving ceremony**, main stage

2.00 pm: **SCOTT Junior Trophy prize-giving ceremony**, main stage

3.00 pm: **MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino Long prize-giving ceremony**, main stage

**[Find the full programme here.](#)**

## RACES AND TOURS

### BIKE MARATHON

The **Bike Marathon** is the sporting highlight of the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda. Participants can choose from three routes, each with its own character: the **Ronda Extrema** (82.77 km, 3,434 m elevation gain) is registered with the UCI as a 'C1 race' and is considered one of the most significant international races where licensed riders can earn valuable UCI points. The marathon attracts both professionals and ambitious mountain bikers. The **Ronda Grande** (59.56 km, 2,406 m elevation gain) is suitable for advanced riders. The **Ronda Piccola** (30.67 km, 1,065 m elevation gain) focuses on fun and on wonderful panoramic views of Lake Garda. The new Ranicon variant in the Tenno region features a freshly renovated section of the route with more flow, without losing its technical character. Both licensed riders and amateur cyclists can take part in any of the three routes. The marathon starts on 2 May 2026 at 7.30 am in the picturesque old town of Riva del Garda.



### EBIKE MARATHON

The **eBike Marathon** at the FSA Bike Festival Riva Del Garda 2026 will take place on 2 May, the same day as the classic Bike Marathon. Starting from the heart of Riva's beautiful old town, the format is not competitive – the eBike Marathon is all about fun and the thrill of racing without the pressure of timing, and with extra battery power for the tough climbs. The route covers a distance of 48 kilometres and has an elevation gain of approximately 1,700 metres. It combines elements of two Bike Marathon routes, the Ronda Piccola and the Ronda Grande. For the entry fee of €45, ebikers receive the same services as Bike Marathon participants, such as refreshment stations, medical support and a race pack. The eBike Marathon starts on 3 May at 7.55 am.

### MAXXIS GRAVEL GARDA TRENTINO

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The area around Riva del Garda is also a dream destination for gravel cyclists. For the third time, the **MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino Ride** is part of the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda, and it features new additions this year: the race will be held on a Sunday for the first time, and the route has been completely redesigned. Starting in Riva del Garda, it now heads towards the Valle dei Laghi – the region showcases everything it has to offer along the way, from the Mediterranean flair of Lake Garda with its palm trees and olive groves to vineyards, forests and open valleys. Sections such as the Marocche di Dro and newly redesigned gravel sections – for example in the Oltra-Gaggiolo area – promise a unique riding experience. There are two routes to choose from: 100 km (1,813 m elevation gain) and 55 km (575 m elevation gain). The race starts on 3 May at 8 am.



### **BOSCH EMTB CHALLENGE**

The **Bosch eMTB Challenge** offers a varied mix of uphill, downhill and orienteering sections and is designed for riding with electric assistance – an exciting experience for all e-mountain bikers. There are three categories to choose from – Amateur, Advanced and Pro – with elevation gains and technical sections tailored to every level. What they all have in common are the picturesque routes through the unique landscape around Lake Garda. This year, new stages in the Ledro Valley and impressive panoramic sections await, including parts of the famous Ponale. Around 300 participants will compete for victory in a fun atmosphere. The most versatile eMTB riders will come out on top, because the Bosch eMTB Challenge is not just about fitness and motor power – it's also about riding technique and navigation.



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### SCOTT JUNIOR TROPHY

The **Scott Junior Trophy** offers children an exciting mountain bike race following in the footsteps of the pros, with a focus on fun and great experiences. Here, every participant receives a personalised finisher's medal. The kids' race is open to everyone aged between 3 and 14 (born between 2023 and 2012). With over 400 young cyclists taking part, the Junior Trophy is set to be the sporting event of the year for children who can all feel like champions in this race and on this course. The race starts on 1 May at 10.30 am.



### MORE OFF-ROAD TOURING EXPERIENCES

New guided tours such as the Bike Festival Sunrise Ride to the Regina Mundi statue and the Sunset Ride to the Baone Viewpoint combine the atmosphere of the early morning or golden evening light with selected off-road routes around Garda Trentino. Gravel fans can look forward to the new Gravel Ride from Lake Garda through the Sarca and Comano valleys. The programme is complemented by tried-and-tested classics such as the MTB School at the Skill Park Busatte in Torbole, guided eMTB tours through the Marocche, and the MTB and eMTB tours to San Pietro.

### THE EXPO AREA

A larger **exhibition area** at the 32<sup>nd</sup> FSA Bike Festival in Riva del Garda: the legendary season opener takes place just a few steps from the lake and features a wide range of stands and festival zones. In this unique setting, exhibitors, visitors and race participants can enjoy the special atmosphere right on the shores of Lake Garda, surrounded by lush greenery. For the 80,000 cycling enthusiasts in attendance, more than 1,500 state-of-the-art mountain, e-mountain, gravel and other bikes are available in the test area to try out on the trails. The Expo Area is also the place to watch races featuring the world's elite riders, and to celebrate.

**Here is the map of the Expo Area:**

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**FOOD & CHILL**

The **Bike Festival Riva del Garda** experience is not only about bike trails, but also about taste. The Food Area offers a diverse and authentic selection, featuring local Pro Loco associations and regional clubs, who welcome visitors with warmth and flavour. The menu includes festival classics such as burgers, sausages with sauerkraut, chips, pizza and various typical dishes from Garda Trentino.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**Sustainability** has long been a key focus at the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda and something that is consistently pursued. This year, the festival has signed the **UCI Climate Action Charter** and is working with the UCI to measure the event's carbon footprint.

The festival also places great emphasis on **collaborating with schools and social organisations** to set up sustainable projects for the event. One example is partnerships with local schools, whose pupils use the event as a learning opportunity. Cleaning and waste collection are carried out by a cooperative that primarily employs disadvantaged people. For the products in the festival shop, partially recycled

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materials from past festivals are being used this year, processed by the local non-profit organization *Cooperativa Eliodoro*.

There are **no disposable cups** at the drinks stands in the Expo Area – only recyclable plastic cups are used there, which all visitors can either take home with them afterwards or return to the stand so that they can be washed and reused. Cutlery, plates and napkins are also made from **environmentally friendly and recyclable materials**.

**Free water dispensers** are available throughout the site for everyone to stay hydrated. In the food and drink area, the festival focuses on **regional cuisine** with a wide range of options, including for vegetarians and those with special dietary requirements. All stalls are run by local clubs who use this opportunity to promote and fund their activities.

The waste sorting system guarantees **on-site recycling** wherever possible. Hydroelectric power stations provide **100% renewable, regional and certified electricity**, which powers the festival site and the electric car fleet. Environmental awareness is also a key consideration in **merchandising** – all products are manufactured in an eco-friendly manner, from organic cotton T-shirts to cool socks made from recycled yarn.

Sustainability is also considered in bike cleaning: the organisers have installed a bike wash water treatment system. A water collection system pumps dirty water – including oil residues from bike chains – through a large filter that separates dirt from water. The result is 100% clean water that can be safely returned to the environment or reused for washing.

Further information on **sustainability** can be found [here](#).

## ACCESSIBILITY

Access roads, parking areas and toilets accessible to all make it easier to enjoy your time in the Expo Area. The entire event has been designed and structured to be accessible to people with reduced mobility, blind persons and those with other disabilities. Last year, the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda became the first event in Trentino to be certified with the **Marchio Open** – a certification awarded by the Agency for Social Cohesion of the Autonomous Province of Trento, guaranteeing the event's comprehensive accessibility. Companies, social initiatives and associations working with people with disabilities will have their own stands to present their work. Accessibility will also play a major role in talks with selected experts in the Talk Area, next to the main stage.

## THREE BIKE PLAYGROUNDS FOR KIDS

There's plenty for the younger generation to enjoy, too: the three **Kids Areas** are entirely dedicated to children and teenagers – at the **AGS Nature Playground**, the **Little Riders Zone** and the **Hopper Jump & Wild Wheels**, they can let off steam on child-friendly courses, jumps and other features, and enjoy the fun of cycling.

## PARKING AREA POWERED BY ABUS

At the entrance to the event, you'll find the ABUS Bike Parking—a free, supervised bicycle parking area where you can safely leave your bike. The service is managed by ABUS, a leading partner in bike security, offering everything from locks and helmets to accessories. Your bike is in safe hands while you enjoy the festival.

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More information can be found [here](#).

### THE TEST TRAILS

The **BF Test Trail – Easy** and the **BF Test Trail – Brione** are ideal to test the latest bikes; both are 8.3 km long and perfect to put the exhibitors' current models through their paces. The **Expo Area Test Trail** features terrain typical of mountain trails – with roots, boulders, sharp bends, a rock garden and more. New this year is the **Gravel Test Trail** – a simple, short loop on tarmac and gravel roads around Riva del Garda.

## SIDE EVENTS

### BIKE FESTIVAL RIVA FUTURE SUMMIT

At the Bike Festival Riva del Garda, exhibitors present their latest products to cycling enthusiasts from across Europe and take part in round-table discussions, networking and knowledge exchange. The Bike Festival Riva Future Summit will be held on 30 April from 4:00 pm, the day before the festival, at the Hotel Du Lac et Du Parc. Under the theme “AI & Outdoor – How the biker experience is changing,” leading industry experts will discuss how artificial intelligence is transforming route planning, user behaviour and destination management.

### BIKE FESTIVAL AWARD

Sought-after and celebrating innovation and top quality: for the second time, Europe's largest bike festival is presenting the Bike Festival Award, an international prize for the best bikes of the year in the categories MTB-Fully, EMTB-Fully and Gravel. Alongside the classic categories, **three new awards** will take centre stage in 2026:

- Innovation Award for forward-thinking products in the bike world
- Sustainability Award for most sustainable initiative
- Start-Up Award for young companies with less than two years' market presence

### BIKER'S CHOICE AWARD

With the 'Biker's Choice', visitors will decide for the first time which stands impress them most. Favourites will be voted for on-site in four categories:

- Best Stand – design, energy and first impression
- Best Crew – passion, approachability and atmosphere
- Experience Highlight – tests, challenges and memorable moments
- Must-have Gadget – products you just have to take home

The awards ceremony takes place on Sunday, 3 May

### PARTIES

On Friday, the **Red Bull Summer Vibes Party** will get the lakeside buzzing with a DJ, drinks and food; on Saturday, the new **Warm-Up Party by FENZ** kicks off the night's festivities at 6 pm. Afterwards, the **legendary Bike Festival Party** kicks off at Spiaggia degli Olivi. This is how sport, fun and music merge into one continuous festival experience – from the first ride to the last dance!

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### OPEN NIGHT

On 2 May, the Expo Area will stay open later, and the Expo Party will kick off Saturday evening from 6 pm to 9 pm – with cracking beats, cool drinks and delicious local food.

### EPIC NIGHT

With the EPICNIGHT by EPICDAYS.CC, the Bike Festival gains a new highlight that breaks with traditional formats: a night-time, non-competitive ride for gravel, MTB and eMTB enthusiasts. The ride kicks off on 30 April at sunset in Torbole. From there, the tour winds through the Sarca Valley, accompanied only by your own light, the silence of the night and a shared sense of flow. Two routes (approx. 40 km and 80 km) offer suitable options for different levels.

### SICK! SHOW – POWERED BY BIKEFLIP MARKETPLACE

Every day from 1 to 3 May, the **SICK! Show – powered by Bikeflip Marketplace** features pure action, adrenaline and great moves. The place to be at the Bike Festival in Riva!

### ITRS WORKSHOP

On Thursday, 30 April, an exclusive B2B event will take place with ITRS managers Mischa Crumbach and Edoardo Melchiori. Beyond presenting the certification levels (bronze, silver and gold), the session will provide insights into its framework and highlight its concrete benefits for destinations. Participants will then take to the trails of Monte Brione for a live, on-bike demonstration of the rating app. On Saturday, 2 May, festival visitors will also have the opportunity to learn more about this development during a dedicated guided tour.

### LIVIGNO 1816 TALK AREA

A dedicated space for inspiration, ideas and trends shaping the future of the cycling world. Two podcast partners will bring stories to life in the LIVIGNO | 1816 BIKE ZONE – Talk Area: velo.fm, an international podcast exploring the world of cycling from MTB and gravel to urban cycling and bikepacking, with a focus on authentic stories and engaging interviews; and TriCiclo, the new project from Scannellatori Seriali, which combines cycling and triathlon while offering insights into current topics and experiences from the endurance scene.

Throughout the festival, athletes, brands, and industry insiders will take part in a series of talks addressing key topics in the cycling scene – with a perspective that goes beyond MTB and embraces the growing gravel segment. These discussions will be recorded as live podcast episodes, transforming the Talk Area into a space for active exchange. Here, the Bike Festival comes to life in real time through dialogue, inspiration and fresh perspectives.

The project is developed in collaboration with Livigno, an alpine cycling destination aligned with the ethos of the FSA Bike Festival – a place where cycling, nature and outdoor culture come together in an authentic way.

## ABOUT GARDA TRENTINO

Garda Trentino is a vast cycling area with more than **50 officially** recognised and signposted **routes**, covering **over 1,500 kilometres** and featuring elevation gains of up to 2,000 metres. Thanks to its Mediterranean climate, these routes can be enjoyed year-round – a unique selling point that sets Garda Trentino apart from other Alpine cycling destinations. Whether on a **mountain bike, road bike,**

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**gravel bike** or **ebike**, the area offers a dense network of routes across all difficulty levels, with plenty for families to discover as well.

### FIVE MUST-TRY CYCLING TOURS IN GARDA TRENTINO

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery of Garda Trentino and discover five of the region's most beautiful cycling tours. From MTB and gravel to eMTB routes, the area offers a wide range of unique experiences.

#### MOUNTAIN BIKE

##### **Laghel Trail Tour (Route 748): Short and sweet**

A spectacular MTB tour around Lake Garda that not only guarantees panoramic views from sunny southern slopes but also winds through idyllic olive groves. The starting point near the old town of Arco leads up to the Arboreto di Arco, an enchanting botanical garden. The route continues along gravel and concrete paths on the southern slopes to San Giovanni al Monte. Shortly after Padaro, the thrilling descent to Laghel begins – steep, loose and demanding. The final section into the Valle del Sarca, passing the historic Ponte Romano near Ceniga, offers pure riding joy. The Laghel Trail combines scenic variety with a perfect mix of technical challenge and relaxed cycling against the backdrop of Lake Garda. More details [here](#).

#### E-MOUNTAINBIKE

##### **Monte Casale Trail (Route 952): A panoramic route high above Lake Garda**

A long circular route designed to thrill any cyclist, leading along the ridge of Monte Casale with panoramic views and through the peaceful Val Lomasona. Starting from Ponte Arche, the route passes through the villages of Godenzo and Comano with a long ascent towards Monte Casale. Most of the route follows a gravel road through forest, with a final section crossing alpine meadows directly to the summit. From the top, the views are spectacular: overlooking Lake Garda, Lago di Cavedine, the distinctive landscape of the Marocche, and the peaks of the Brenta Group. The descent is long and fast, partly on forest tracks and partly on trails, followed by a short climb in the Sella di Calino area (with a recommended detour to the Rifugio di San Pietro). The route continues through the Val Lomasona in a striking natural setting before returning via a short trail to the starting point in Ponte Arche. More details [here](#).

##### **Rifugio Pernici Trail Tour (Route 732): An old-school all-mountain route**

A classic tour starting in Riva del Garda, featuring a climb suitable for fit riders and within the battery range of modern ebikes. This is an old-school, all-mountain style route with an elevation gain of just under 1,700 metres, including some challenging ascents. Over the nearly 40-kilometre route, the landscape changes constantly and is well worth taking in. The terrain is rocky, rugged, steep and demanding. The final section on paved roads features gradients of over 20%, rewarded with a stunning view over Riva del Garda and the upper part of Lake Garda. More details [here](#).

#### GRAVEL

##### **Divin Nosiola Gravel Experience in the Valle dei Laghi (Route 1375): The perfect gravel tour**

This unique tour begins at the Santa Massenza hydroelectric power station. The route passes Lake Toblino, Sarche, Lake Cavedine, Madruzzo and Lake Santa Massenza. Along the way, riders can admire two castles: Castel Toblino, perched on a peninsula in the lake of the same name, and Castel Madruzzo, set high above Madruzzo. In addition to cycling, visitors can stop at local wineries along the route and sample excellent regional wines, including the renowned *Vino Santo*. More details [here](#).



## ROAD

### Monte Velo – Santa Barbara Loppio: The name says it all

A short but intense ride for climbing enthusiasts, starting in Torbole. Monte Velo is breathtakingly beautiful yet exceptionally challenging, making it one of the most popular climbs in Garda Trentino. As part of the 'Grandi salite del Trentino' (Great Climbs of Trentino), it is a must for all cycling enthusiasts, especially those who enjoy steep ascents. The route stretches for almost 13 kilometres and is mostly shaded. The destination is the Passo Santa Barbara at an altitude of 1,170 metres. There are two slightly more demanding variants: the first leads through the Lagarina Valley, while the second adds the climb to Monte Bondone. More details [here](#).

## THE NORTHERN SHORES OF LAKE GARDA: A CYCLING DESTINATION

On the northern shores of Lake Garda, this region features a wide variety of gravel, ebike and mountain bike routes for outdoor enthusiasts to explore the region. All information on routes, tips for accommodation, plus a list of outdoor specialists offering services such as repairs, bike sales and accessories, as well as shuttle services, can be found on the Garda Trentino [website](#).

### An ingenious orientation concept

The ITRS system informs cyclists about the skills required to tackle the various trails and routes. It takes four aspects into account: technical difficulty, exposure, wilderness factor, and fitness level. A simple and intuitive colour code classifies each of these factors. The ITRS symbol appears on information materials as well as on signposts along the routes and trails, providing an overview at every waypoint.

### Garda Rangers

The Garda Rangers are the operational arm of the Garda Trentino Outdoor Park: a team of professionals who are active in the region every day, checking the condition of facilities and taking action where necessary. They ensure that hiking trails, via ferratas, rock faces and mountain bike routes are always in top condition. This allows visitors to enjoy their favourite sports with peace of mind and in complete safety. The Garda Rangers inspect every route in Garda Trentino at least once a year and carry out maintenance work. To ensure no trail is overlooked, they record all inspections and provide weekly reports to the tourism board.

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**Route status**

To avoid unnecessary journeys and the risk of finding a trail closed, the Garda Trentino region has introduced a system with a new graphic interface, similar to those used in ski resorts. On the [website](#), cyclists can find out about the details and difficulty levels of the routes before setting off and check whether they are open. The website also provides hikers and climbers with up-to-date information on the condition of the region's paths, routes and trails.

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