





**FESTIVAL** 

**RIVA DEL GARDA** 

мау **1-4** 2025





## Welcome to the 31<sup>st</sup> FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda May 1 to 4, 2025

#### **CONTACT POINTS FOR MEDIA**

#### **Press Office & Accreditation**

Get all the information and documents you need to cover the 31st FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda, including your press accreditation and goodie bag.

**Location**: S.S. Benacense, main entrance of the festival area, Via Rainer Maria Rilke, 4, Riva:

#### **Location**

Opening hours: April 30: 2-6pm. May 1-3: 9am-6pm. May 4: 9am-12pm.

#### Media Corner

A quiet room to work, write, download videos and relax in a serene setting.

Location: S.S. Benacense, Via Rainer Maria Rilke, 4, Riva: Location

Opening hours: April 30: 2-7pm. May 1-3: 10am-7 pm. May 4: 10am-4pm.

#### Garda Trentino Booth

Come to work on the roof terrace, conduct interviews, enjoy the festival vibes or the view - there's always something going on here!

Location: Garda Trentino Booth in the Expo Area: <u>Location</u> Opening hours: May 1-3: 10am-7pm. May 4: 10am-4pm.

#### Get-Together

It's the Dolce Vita at its best: the Bike Festival Dish created exclusively by Michelin star chef Peter Brunel will celebrate its premiere at the **Get-Together**. The perfect opportunity for members of the media to exchange ideas and start the festival with first-class culinary delights!

Time & place: Garda Trentino Booth, Thursday, May 1, 12:00 noon

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#### **ADDITIONAL INFO**

Free press material for editorial use: <u>photos and videos</u>
Latest information about the Bike Festival: <u>press releases</u>

Exhibitor press releases: <u>latest news</u>







#### ABOUT THE FSA BIKE FESTIVAL RIVA DEL GARDA

For over 30 years, the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda has been THE meeting place for bike fans from all over the world. A memorable experience awaits them once again from May 1 to 4, 2025 under the "Riding Freedom!" motto. The Expo Area gets a new, improved and greener space near the lake while exciting events take place, from the Bike Marathon to the MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino, the Bosch eMTB Challenge and the non-competitive



eBike Marathon to the Scott Junior Trophy and other side events. The heart of the festival is the Test Area with over 1,500 mountain, e-mountain, gravel bikes and other models. Exhibitor highlights will include the Bike Festival Award, the Future Summit on artificial intelligence in biking and the Exhibitor Evening on April 30 in the stunning setting of the Bastione Fortress. Visitors can explore the Lake Garda landscape on guided tours powered by Mmove or improve their riding technique at the MTB School, a technical riding lesson in the new Skill Park Busatte. The Garda Trentino region also offers excellent hotels and restaurants for visitors to enjoy themselves.

More about the Expo Area here. Information on gastronomy here. Information on accommodation here.







#### THE HISTORY OF THE BIKE FESTIVAL RIVA DEL GARDA

1994: Uli Stanciu founds the Bike Festival Riva del Garda with BIKE Magazine as a mountain biking reunion.

1995: The first marathon takes place.

2002: Mountain bikers perform memorable jumps at the Siemens Mobile Lake Jump.

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

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

2008: Bike stuntman Bobby Root amazes with his air shows.

2010: King of Dirt becomes an unforgettable dirt spectacle.

2013: Danny MacAskill and Tom Öhler come in and show off their tricks.

**2014:** A hot Sprint Race takes place in the streets of Riva with the City Eliminator.

2016: First marathon with eMTBs.

2017: First Bosch eMTB Challenge.

2022: Action superstar Fabio Wibmer electrifies the crowd.

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

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

2025: New, improved Expo Area; first Bike Festival Riva Future Summit and eBike Marathon.







#### THE PROGRAM (EXCERPTS)

#### Wednesday, 30.04.2025

16:00 - 17:30: Bike Festival Riva Future Summit

#### Thursday, 01.05.2025

10:00 - 19:00: The Expo Area is open

10:00: Guided tours powered by Mmove

11:00: Official opening, main stage

14:00 - 15:00: Presentation of the Bike Festival Award, main stage

15:00 - 15:30: SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

17:00: Yoga for Bikers - with Timo Pritzel

17:00 - 17:30: SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

19:00 - 24:00: Red Bull Summer Vibes

#### Friday, 02.05.2025

08:30 - 09:30: Start of the MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino

09:00: Guided tours powered by Mmove

09:30: Start of the Bosch eMTB Challenge

10:00 - 19:00: The Expo Area is open

10:30: Yoga for Bikers - with Timo Pritzel

11:00 - 11:30: SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

14:30 - 15:00: SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

17:00: Maxxis Gravel Garda Trentino Award Ceremony

18:00: Bosch eMTB Challenge Award Ceremony

#### Saturday, 03.05.2025

07:30: Start of the Bike Marathon

07:55: Start of the eBike Marathon

09:00: Guided tours powered by Mmove

10:00 - 19:00: The Expo Area is open

10:30: Yoga for Bikers - with Timo Pritzel

11:00 - 11:30: SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

13:00: Bike Marathon - Ronda Piccola Award Ceremony

14:30 - 15:00: SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace

16:00: Bike Marathon - Ronda Extrema & Ronda Grande Award Ceremony

18:00 - 22:00: Open Night (in the Expo Area)

From 22:00: Bike Festival Party (Spiaggia degli Olivi)

#### Sunday, 04.05.2025

10:00 - 16:00: The Expo Area is open

10:00: Guided tours powered by Mmove

10:30: Yoga for Bikers - with Timo Pritzel

10:30 - 12:00: Start of the Scott Junior Trophy - years 2022-2017

12:30 - 14:00: Start of the **Scott Junior Trophy** - years 2016-2011

14:30: Scott Junior Trophy Award Ceremony & raffle

Find the complete program here.



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#### **RACES AND TOURS**

#### **BIKE MARATHON**

The Bike Marathon is the sporting highlight of the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda. Participants can choose from different routes: the Ronda Extrema (82.77km, 3,434m elevation gain) registered as a "C1 race" with the UCI and is considered one of the most important international races where licensed riders collect UCI points. professionals and ambitious mountain bikers. The Ronda Grande (59.56km,



2,406m elevation gain) suits advanced riders. The Ronda Piccola (30.67km, 1,065m elevation gain) focuses on fun and panoramic views of Lake Garda. The course has been redesigned this year and promises more fun and nature thanks to a new flow section on the descent and less technically challenging passages. Both licensed and amateur cyclists can take part in the race on each of the three routes. The marathon starts on May 3 at 7:30am in the picturesque old town of Riva del Garda.

#### **EBIKE MARATHON** NEW!

The new eBike Marathon at the FSA Bike Festival Riva Del Garda will take place on May 3, the same day as the classic Bike Marathon. Participants will start right from the Riva town center. It's a non-competitive format: in keeping with the festival's motto, "Riding Freedom", riders can have fun and experience the most famous competition of the Bike Festival without feeling the pressure to get a result or to complete altitude meters. The route covers a distance of 48 kilometers and has a difference in altitude of around 1,700 meters. It combines elements of two Bike Marathon courses, the Ronda Piccola and the Ronda Grande. For the participation fee of €50, e-bikers receive the same services as those completing the Bike Marathon - refreshment stations, medical care and a race package. The eBike Marathon starts on May 3 at 7:55am.





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#### MAXXIS GRAVEL GARDA TRENTINO

The Riva del Garda region is a dream destination for gravel bikers too, and that's why the MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino is coming back to the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda for the third time. This gravel race offers timekeeping on three stages, fantastic routes and regional specialties – a unique experience whose focus, in addition to the riding experience, is above all on culinary delights and the gravel community. There are two routes to choose from: 100km (1,750m elevation gain) and 65km



(480m elevation gain). The ride starts on May 2 from 08:30 to 09:30am.

## BOSCH EMTB CHALLENGE NEW PRO CATEGORY AND ROUTE!

riding Designed for with electric assistance, the Bosch eMTB Challenge offers a mix of uphill, downhill and orientation - an exciting experience for all eMountain bikers. from hobby occasional riders to professionals. It's the first time that there are three categories to choose from. This year sees the addition of a new "Pro" category for professionals, with one more stage to complete compared to the "Advanced" route designed for experienced riders (i.e. seven in total). This



additional stage is particularly challenging in terms of distance and elevation gain. The third category is "Amateur", with lower technical difficulty. But the three categories all share one thing – access to the picturesque routes around Lake Garda. A completely new track awaits the participants this year, with some of the best views and trails in the Garda Trentino area. The route will only be announced at the start on May 2 at 9:30am. In the end, only the most versatile eMTB riders will win out of the 250 participants, because the Bosch eMTB Challenge is not just about fitness and engine power – it's really about riding technique and orientation.







#### SCOTT JUNIOR TROPHY

Let's have fun! The Scott Junior Trophy offers children an exciting mountain bike race following in the footsteps of the pros. Here, every participant is a winner and everyone will get a personal finisher medal. The kids' race is open to anyone aged between 3 and 14 (born between 2021 and 2010). With over 400 young bikers taking part, the Junior Trophy will be the sporting event of the year for the kids who get to compete on a real track and get that



champion feeling. Racing will take place on May 4 at 10:30 and 12:30.

### **GUIDED TOURS POWERED BY MMOVE** NEW: MTB SCHOOL & SKILL PARK BUSATTE!

Four guided tours powered by Mmove starting from the Expo Area are available every day at the Bike Festival. With three tours designed with three different levels, easy, medium and advanced, it's the ideal choice for everyone to discover Garda Trentino in the saddle. There's also the new MTB School, which is a technical riding lesson taking place in the new Skill Park Busatte and is perfect for bikers of all levels who want to improve their riding technique on the trails. Designed for riders of all levels, it's the perfect opportunity to sharpen their skills on the trails.







#### THE EXPO AREA

#### NEW, IMPROVED AREA IN A GREENER SETTING NEW!

The bike season will be kicked off in style at the 31st FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda with a new **Exhibition Area** partially relocated within the town, moving closer to the lakeshore and offering a greener setting with more Italian flair. There, exhibitors, visitors and race participants can enjoy the festival's unique atmosphere in gorgeous surroundings directly on the shore of Lake Garda. Over 1,500 state-of-the-art mountain, e-mountain, gravel bikes and other models will be available for 80,000 bike fanatics to test on the Test Area trails. The Expo Area is also *the* place to party on Saturday evening and watch the racing alongside the world's elite.

#### Map of the new Expo Area:







#### **FOOD & CHILL**

Eating and drinking well is as much a part of the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda as is biking in the unique Garda Trentino region. Local clubs and businesses will bring their best regional specialties directly to the festival, including vegetarian alternatives. The **Bike Festival Dish** created by Michelin star chef Peter Brunel is a highlight to look out for, and drinks from Erdinger or Red Bull can be enjoyed at the **Drink Stations** while talking about the day's adventures.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

A constant pursuit, **sustainability** has long been a priority at the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda. This year, the festival has signed the <u>UCI Climate Action Charter</u> and is working with the UCI to measure the event's carbon footprint.

The festival also makes sure to work with schools and social organizations to set up sustainable projects around the event. Partnerships are in place with local schools, for example, and pupils are using the event as a learning opportunity. The cleaning and collection of waste is carried out by a cooperative that mainly employs disadvantaged people. Recycled textiles that are handmade by a social association are used for the deckchairs and other items in the Chill Area.

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

Free water dispensers available throughout the site are making drinking water accessible to everyone. In terms of gastronomy, the festival focuses on **regional cuisine** with a wide variety of options for vegetarians and special dietary requirements. All stalls are run by local associations, which use this opportunity to promote and finance their activities.

The waste sorting system ensures **local recycling** wherever possible. Hydropower plants provide **100% renewable**, **regional and certified electricity**, which is used to power the festival site and the fleet of electric cars. Environmental awareness also impacts the <u>merchandising</u> – all products are manufactured in an environmentally friendly way, from organic cotton T-shirts to socks made from recycled yarn.

The issue of sustainability is also taken into account when cleaning bicycles, and organizers have installed a water treatment system for the **Bike Wash powered by Kärcher**. A water collection system pumps the dirty water (including the oil residue from the bike chains) through a huge filter that separates the dirt from the water. The result is a 100% clean water that can be safely returned to the environment or reused for washing.

More information about sustainability here.





#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Paths, parking spaces and toilets that are accessible to everyone are making it easier to get around the Expo Area. The entire event has been designed and structured to be accessible to people with reduced mobility, blindness or other disabilities. The FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda was the first event in Trentino to be certified with the Marchio Open last year - a certificate awarded by the Agency for Social Cohesion of the Autonomous Province of Trento that guarantees an event's comprehensive accessibility. Companies, social initiatives and associations that work with people with disabilities will have stands at the festival. Accessibility will also play a major role in the talks with selected experts in the Talk Area, next to the main stage.

#### THREE BIKE PLAYGROUNDS FOR KIDS

There is a lot on offer for younger riders this year: three Kids Areas are entirely dedicated to kids and teenagers. The AGS Nature Playground, the Little Riders Zone and the Hopper Jump & Wild Wheels will give them a space to have fun and let off steam on child-friendly routes that feature jumps and other elements.

#### MARKETPLACE & PARKING AREA POWERED BY BIKEFLIP MARKETPLACE

The Marketplace & Parking Area powered by Bikeflip Marketplace located directly at the entrance to the Expo Area allow visitors to park their bikes safely, and to buy and sell second-hand bikes.

#### **TEST TRAILS**

The BF Test Trail - Easy and the BF Test Trail - Brione are both 8km long and perfect for putting the exhibitor bikes through their paces. On the Expo Area Test Trail, riders will find a surface similar to that normally found on mountain trails, with roots, boulders, sharp bends, a rock garden and more. It's really like a singletrail, with guaranteed fun!

#### **CHEER & RACE WITH CYCLING STARS**

The FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda is known for its challenging races - especially the Bike Marathon Ronda Extrema, whose UCI status attracts a lot of pro riders. Fighting for UCI points and stage victory, many of the stars of the cycling scene come in to cover those 82.77 kilometers and 3,434 meters of elevation gain. This year's lineup includes five-time Swiss champion and 2016 Cape Epic winner Urs Huber (SUI, Team Bulls), XCM world number three Jakob Hartmann (GER, Singer-KTM Racing), and Martin Klötzli (SUI), winner of the 2024 Transmaurienne Vanoise). Several riders who have already won national championship titles in their home countries will also be competing, including Martin Fanger (SUI), Andrin Beeli (SUI), Julian Pöchacker (AUT), and Toni Tähti (FIN). In the women's competition, Chiara Burato (ITA), third in the 2022 and 2023 Italian Championships, is one of the favorites.



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#### SIDE EVENTS

## BIKE FESTIVAL RIVA FUTURE SUMMIT

Exhibitors can not only present their latest products to bike fans from all over Europe, but also meet, network and gather information the day before the festival at the new <u>Bike Festival Riva Future Summit</u>. Taking place on April 30 from 4pm onwards at the Hotel du Lac, discussions will include questions such as, "How is AI changing the bike world?", "In which areas can AI be used in the bike industry?" and "Where can it improve the user experience?" The discussion will be led by <u>Petra Bindl</u>, a moderator and journalist with expertise in sport and artificial intelligence. Guests will be <u>Claudius Zick</u> (former manager at Amazon and AI expert), <u>Hannes Neupert</u> (mobility expert and eBike pioneer, Chairman of ExtraEnergy e.V.), <u>Andrea Ziliani</u> (YouTuber, content creator and bike tester) and <u>Ciro Malacarne</u> (mechatronics engineer at ProM Facility with a focus on additive manufacturing), who is working with Rovereto-born sailor and two-time Olympic champion <u>Ruggero Tita</u> on the development of high-performance components for performance sailboats. Tita himself will join the discussion from Brazil.

#### **BIKE FESTIVAL AWARD**

It's a sought-after innovation and top-quality award. Europe's largest bike festival will present the Bike Festival Award for the second time, an international prize for the best bikes of the year in the MTB-Fully, E-MTB-Fully and Gravel categories. A special prize will also be awarded for the bike with the most innovative function. The Awards Ceremony will take place on May 1 from 14:00 onwards on the main stage of the Expo Area.

#### **RED BULL SUMMER VIBES**

The Red Bull Summer Vibes Party is the perfect start to the Bike Festival, taking place for the first time on May 1 from 7pm to midnight directly on the beach with DJ, drinks and food!

#### **OPEN NIGHT**

On May 3, the Expo Area will stay open longer and the Expo Party will kick off the Saturday evening from 6:00pm to 10:00pm with great beats, cool drinks and delicious regional food.

#### **BIKE FESTIVAL PARTY**

It might just be the best party of the year... the official <u>Bike Festival Party</u> will take place on May 3 in the evening, from 10pm onwards at the Spiaggia degli Olivi - with a first-class DJ for all dance fans!

#### SICKI SHOW - POWERED BY BIKEFLIP MARKETPLACE

From May 1 to 4, the SICK! Show - powered by Bikeflip Marketplace will be a daily display of action, adrenaline and killer move. The place to be at the Bike Festival!







#### **EXPERT TALKS**

Experts and athletes will discuss current cycling-related topics in the Talk Area next to and on the Main Stage itself, from technology and innovation to accessibility and sustainability. Talks will take place every festival day with a varied program and relaxed atmosphere. A great opportunity to learn from specialists and hear insider bike industry stories. For example, former mountain bike pro Tarek Rasouli will share stories from his Alps crossing from Munich to Riva del Garda on a Bowhead Bike on May 1 from 3:40pm. The focus will be on Rasouli's life story and how he dealt with paraplegia after an accident. One of the highlights on the second day will be the Industry Roundtable from 2pm, where, together with experts from the industry, Andrea Sabbadin and Federico Malpezzi from the Italian MTB magazine Pianeta MTB will examine the present and future of the bike industry from various perspectives. At 11:30am on Saturday, Maurizio Giuseppe Tondi, President of the Riva del Garda section of the National Association of Carabinieri, will give useful tips on how to prevent bike theft. Sunday will begin with two talks focused on sustainability: the Bike Festival organizers will give a presentation on the implementation of the UCI Climate Action Charter at 10:30am, followed by a presentation by the Gruppo Alto Garda Servizi (AGS) on their project "The Lake Starts Here" to raise awareness about garbage thrown in stormwater

#### **MEET THE STARS**

The FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda is renowned for its challenging races - foremost among them, the Ronda Extrema of the Bike Marathon, which holds UCI status and attracts top professionals. In the battle for crucial UCI points and the day's victory, riders must conquer 82.77 kilometers and 3,434 meters of elevation gain. This legendary race is not to be missed by many stars of the cycling world. Among the participants this year are the fivetime Swiss champion and 2016 Cape Epic winner Urs Huber (SUI, Team Bulls), the thirdranked rider in the XCM World Rankings Jakob Hartmann (GER, Singer-KTM Racing), and Martin Klötzli (SUI), winner of the Transmaurienne Vanoise 2024. Joining them are Martin Fanger (SUI), Andrin Beeli (SUI), Julian Pöchacker (AUT), and Toni Tähti (FIN), all of whom have previously won the national championship titles in their respective countries. Among the women, Chiara Burato (ITA), who placed third in the Italian Championships in 2022 and 2023, is one of the favorites.





#### **ABOUT GARDA TRENTINO**

Garda Trentino is a vast bike area with more than 50 officially recognized and signposted routes covering a total of over 1,500 kilometers and altitude differences of up to 2,000 metres. These trails can be ridden all year long thanks to the local Mediterranean climate a unique selling point that sets Garda Trentino apart from all other Alpine bike destinations. Whether by mountain bike, road bike, gravel bike or e-bike, whatever the difficulty level, the region offers a dense network of routes, and there is plenty for families to discover, too.

#### FIVE MUST-SEE TOURS IN GARDA TRENTINO

Embrace the breathtaking landscape of Garda Trentino and discover the five most beautiful bike tours the region has to offer, from MTB to gravel and e-mountain biking.

#### MOUNTAIN BIKE

#### Laghel Trail Tour (Route 748): short & sweet

A breathtaking MTB tour of Lake Garda that guarantees spectacular views of sunny southfacing slopes and rides through dreamy olive groves. The trail starts near the old town of Arco and goes up to the Arboreto di Arco tree garden. The route follows gravel and concrete paths along the southern slopes to San Giovanni al Monte. Shortly after Padaro, the exciting trail down to Laghel begins. It's steep, full of gravel, and challenging. The final descent into the Valle del Sarca promises pure riding joy, riding past the historic Ponte Romano near Ceniga. The Laghel Trail has it all - a wide range of landscapes, challenging trails and relaxed cycling against the idyllic backdrop of Lake Garda. More details here.

#### E-MOUNTAIN BIKE

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

This is a long circular tour with everything mountain bikers could possibly ask for, along the panoramic ridge of Monte Casale and through the quiet Val Lomasona. The tour starts from Ponte Arche and goes through the towns of Godenzo and Comano with a long climb towards Monte Casale. Most of the route is on a gravel road through the forest, with a final section across alpine meadows leading directly to the summit. The views are stunning, from the top down to Lake Garda, directly down to Lago di Cavedine, next to the curious Marocche landscape and with the high mountains of the Brenta Group on the other side. A long and rapid descent leads partly on forest paths, partly on downhill trails again, before the route comes up with a short climb in the Sella di Calino area (plan a detour to the Rifugio di San Pietro!). It continues through the magnificent landscape of Val Lomasona and finishes with a short trail back 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 and a climb for well-trained cyclists that's within the battery capacity of current e-bikes, featuring old-school descents. The difference in altitude is just under 1,700 meters, with some challenging climbs over rocky, rough and steep terrain. The landscape changes frequently along the nearly 40 kilometers, and the views are worth taking a moment to enjoy. The last, paved part has over 20% of gradient with fantastic views over Riva and the upper part of Lake Garda. More details here.

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

This unique tour starts at the Santa Massenza hydroelectric power station and takes in Lake Toblino, Sarche, Lake Cavedine, Madruzzo and Lake Santa Massenza. Riders get to admire two castles along the way: Castel Toblino, perched on a peninsula in the lake of the same name, and Castel Madruzzo, towering high above Madruzzo. It's not just about riding either - it's also possible to visit some of the wineries along the way and taste the excellent regional wines, including the famous Vino Santo. More details here.

#### **ROAD**

#### Monte Velo - Santa Barbara Loppio: the name says it all

A short but intense tour for climbers, starting in Torbole. Monte Velo is breathtakingly beautiful but also exceptionally challenging, making it one of the most popular climbs among cyclists in Garda Trentino. As part of the "Grandi salite del Trentino," the "Great Climbs of Trentino," Monte Velo is a must for all cycling enthusiasts—especially those who enjoy steep climbs. The route stretches for almost 13 kilometers and is mostly shaded. The destination is Passo Santa Barbara at an altitude of 1,170 meters. There are two other variants, both slightly more challenging: the first leads through the Lagarina Valley, and the second adds the climb to Monte Bondone. More details here.

#### NORTHERN LAKE GARDA - A BIKE DESTINATION

The northern part of Lake Garda presents a variety of gravel, e-bike and mountain bike trails for outdoor enthusiasts to explore the region. All information about the routes, tips for accommodation and a list of outdoor specialists offering repairs, bike sales and accessories as well as shuttle services can be found on the Garda Trentino website.

#### A sophisticated orientation concept

The ITRS system informs bikers of the skills required on the different trails and routes. It takes four aspects into account: technical difficulty, exposure, wilderness and fitness level. A simple color code ranks every factor. The ITRS symbol is shown on the information material and on many of the signposts for the routes and trails, providing an overview of each waypoint.





#### Garda Rangers

The operational arm of the Garda Trentino Outdoor Park, the Garda Rangers are a team of professionals who are on location every day to keep hiking trails, via ferratas, rock faces and mountain bike trails in top condition at all times. They check and maintain every single route in Garda Trentino at least once a year. They register all their inspections and provide weekly reports to the tourist board to ensure that no trail is forgotten. It's partly thanks to them that visitors can enjoy their favorite sport safely and carefree.

#### Route status

The Garda Trentino region has introduced a system similar to a lot of ski regions to help riders avoid closed trails. On the <u>website</u>, 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 daily updates on the condition of the region's routes.

# RIDING FRZEDOM