



River&Peaks

gravel race
powered by
DOLOMIA

From competition to discovery: River&Peaks concludes its first gravel weekend
More than 50 kilometres through forests, streams and mountain villages in the Valcellina Valley, experiencing gravel riding beyond the stopwatch.

The second day of River&Peaks powered by Dolomia was officially launched by Federica Brignone, alpine skiing champion and Dolomia ambassador, in a symbolic handover between sport, mountains and territory.

Following yesterday's competitive race, River&Peaks powered by Dolomia shifted gears, transforming the Friulian Dolomites into a space dedicated to discovery, conviviality and riding at a slower pace. The approximately 50-kilometre non-competitive ride guided participants through Claut, Cimolais and the Valcellina Valley, along forest roads, crystal-clear streams and some of the most authentic landscapes in Friuli Venezia Giulia.

Blessed with a beautiful sunny day, riders experienced the territory through the values that have always defined gravel culture: freedom, exploration and community. Gravel bikes, mountain bikes and e-bikes shared the same route, reinforcing the event's inclusive spirit and its desire to make the discovery of the Friulian Dolomites accessible to everyone.

Among the most appreciated aspects of the day was the strong connection with the territory, expressed through the refreshment stops where participants enjoyed local products and discovered the gastronomic excellence of the Valcellina Valley. Each stop became an opportunity to meet, share experiences and immerse themselves in the culture of the Friulian mountains.

*"We are extremely pleased with how these two days unfolded," said **Federico Casalini, President of XEvent and organiser of River&Peaks powered by Dolomia.** "Organising the first edition of the event was challenging, but at the same time incredibly rewarding. In the days leading up to the weekend, the weather forecast kept us on edge, but apart from a few drops of rain on Saturday morning, we were fortunate. The Friulian Dolomites once again proved to be an extraordinary setting for this type of event: spectacular routes, unique landscapes and a territory perfectly suited to be explored by bicycle. The feedback from participants, both in the competitive race and today's ride, has been overwhelmingly positive, and that is probably the result we are most proud of. We will take a few days to catch our breath, but we are already looking ahead to the next edition."*

*"Water teaches us that strength is not always a matter of speed or power, but of consistency, balance and the ability to adapt to the landscape it flows through," said **Federico Trost, General Manager of Dolomia.** "These are values that we also find in sport and that have always been part of who we are. This is why we believe in and support initiatives such as River&Peaks powered by Dolomia, which enhance the territory through authentic and sustainable experiences. As a company, we are deeply connected to these mountains, and seeing people arrive from different places to discover them by bicycle perfectly reflects what we want to support. Today I had the opportunity to personally experience the route and ride through these extraordinary landscapes. It was an experience that confirmed how much this territory still has to tell and how events like River&Peaks can help people discover and appreciate it."*

With the non-competitive ride, the first edition of River&Peaks powered by Dolomia comes to a close. A weekend that successfully brought together competition, exploration and outdoor culture, showcasing the Friulian Dolomites through the universal language of cycling.

