

## Passo dei Casoni

### Route Schedule

Start	Pontrémoli (236 slm)
Finish	Pontrémoli (236 slm)
Length	45.6km
Max altitude	1000m slm (Passo dei Casoni)
Min altitude	180m slm (Arpiola)
Difference in height	835m
Road surface	100% asphalt
Duration	2/2.5 hrs
Difficulty	Medium

Note: The route is of average difficulty; a few demanding stretches of ascent but nothing worse.

### Stages

From	To	Road Surface	km
Pontrémoli (236)	Autostrada Toll Booth (222)	asphalt	3.60
Autostrada Toll Booth (222)	Arpiola (180)	asphalt	4.30
Arpiola (180)	Mulazzo (327)	asphalt	2.80
Mulazzo (327)	Parana fork (460)	asphalt	4.85
Parana fork (460)	Montereggio fork (583)	asphalt	1.40
Montereggio fork (583)	Passo dei Casoni (1000)	asphalt	5.85
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Parana fork (460)	Mulazzo (327)	asphalt	4.85
Mulazzo (327)	Arpiola (180)	asphalt	2.80
Arpiola (180)	Autostrada Toll Booth (222)	asphalt	4.30
Autostrada Toll Booth (222)	Pontrémoli (236)	asphalt	3.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>45.60</b>

### Description of the route

The Casoni Pass route is of average difficulty. That said, there are some steep & demanding slopes of limited length, but these should not pose much of a problem for those who are fit. One departs from Pontrémoli (236) in the direction of the A15 toll booth. Having warmed up on the ascent to the Parish Church you will reach Ponte Teglia (185) and subsequently Arpiola di Mulazzo (180). At the fork turn right in the direction of Mulazzo - there is then a short stretch of gentle ascent until you arrive at a bridge. Here we suggest you take stock as you will find the next ascent the most demanding of the day: 1200m at a average slope of 9.6%. This is a classic stretch of road which you should not attack too aggressively as you will need to retain energy for later ascents (the climb is 115m in 1200m). Arriving at the very beautiful arches at the foot of the old borgo of Mulazzo (327) you can ease up and proceed at once to Parana. The road continues upwards, but the slope is now pleasant compared with that which went before. One then continues without difficulty until the fork for Parana (460) where one turns right in the direction of Montereggio/Madonna del Monte. From the fork of Parana to the fork for Montereggio (583) you will cover a stretch of 1400m at an average slope of 8.8%. This is the second truly demanding stage of the route and we advise you once again to tackle it in a measured manner. From this point the Passo dei Casoni is about 6km away; the road is now a succession of hard ascents (indeed there are three short pulls where the slope touches 15%) interspersed with level stretches. Keep at it and the summit of the pass will soon be upon you - arriving there you can be proud of your achievement. In order to return to Pontrémoli one covers the route in reverse order, taking note of the hidden dangers of descent. Happy pedalling!



## PASSO DEI CASONI - 45.6 Km

