

#9 Malyovitsa

UP1: Ascend S of the hut towards First Terrace. At the beginning of the flat area turn W. You must negotiate the steep side wall of the valley, which has several gullies. The classic approach is Ovcharski Uley (Shepherd's Gully), which is the widest and usually the easiest to climb. Regardless, you should carefully inspect the snowpack stability and current cornice danger before climbing further, as avalanches and cornice falls may occur in any of the gullies. Ovcharski Uley is about 35-40° if there are no exceptional snow accumulations in place, and usually requires you to put skis on the backpack. Although it could be possible to skin up the gully, the safest and most advisable option is to bootpack on the right-hand side of the slope closer to the rocks. As soon as you gain the Field continue skinning NW to the distinctive rocky outcrop on the Kalbura ridge.

As an alternative you can climb to Ushite Peak, 2547m (N42.17984° E23.35912°), or any point you find suitable on Kalbura ridge from the point of ascent described above.

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UP1: From the hut skin up First Terrace, Second Terrace and Elenino Lake in turn via the standard marked route (see Route #8). From the lake, head initially W and then S to gain a broad ridge leading to the main mountain ridge. Be careful when gaining the ridge as it is a narrow place and there is some potential for small avalanches from Orleto Peak on your right. Actually, this is the very spot of the greatest Bulgarian avalanche disaster. Back in distant 1965 a small avalanche from Orleto took the lives of eleven alpinists here.

As soon as you have climbed to the main ridge, follow it for a short distance to about 2700m elevation and then turn N on the summit ridge to reach the peak of Malyovitsa. The route is marked with winter yellow/black poles throughout.

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