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Difficulty: average

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

























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 Punto panoramico	 Nucleo o costruzione rurale caratteristici	 Parcheggio
 Grotta o arco naturale	 Casera o alloggio: prodotti latteo-caseari	 Punto d'appoggio: albergo isolato o rifugio
 Fossili	 Antica via di comunicazione	 Bivacco con possibilità di pernottamento
 Cascata	 Reperto archeologico	 Campeggio
 Sorgente o fonte	 Miniera abbandonata o cava	 Ristorante isolato
 Altre curiosità naturali: geologiche, silvestri, ecc.	 Camminamenti o fortificazioni (resti)	 Posto di ristoro: bar, osteria ecc.
 Castello o torre	 Stazione sciistica	 Ricovero d'emergenza
 Chiesa isolata	 Itinerario scialpinistico (punto di partenza)	 Pronto soccorso: posto di chiamata, barella, cassetta, ecc.

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**General map of the trails
with 8 interesting
hiking routes
described in detail**




A

SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE: DERVIO - BELLANO

Travel time: 2 hours • Difficulty: easy

The itinerary starts from Dervio railroad station; taking the staircase and going straight on, we meet Piazza Cavour on the left, where Palazzo De Magni (XIV Century) rises up. At the crossing, we take Via Diaz on the left, hiking it over until we run into the path known as "Sentiero del Viandante", near river Varrone. Here we can admire saints Quirico and Giulitta's Church, with its beautiful Romanesque belfry. The itinerary continues along the vehicular road Duca d'Aosta, where there's Sedeia laundry and, at the end of it, "Crotto del Cech". Here starts the typical cobblestone mule track that goes up towards Chignolo farmsteads, where we can enjoy the view of Dervio peninsula. Crossed the valley, we go up towards Ronchi farmsteads, running into etchings and rungs carved into stones, marked by



leads to the upper side of Oro suburb. Then we take a staircase on the left going up towards Pendaglio; at the fork, we go right and take a path passing through the fields, which are in a higher position than the highway. We pass "Valle dei Mulini", where we can see some dwellings ruins, and go ahead through fields full of stables and chestnut groves.


This way we reach Lezeno first houses, and crossing the county road we pass by a laundry, right in the middle of the old town centre. The itinerary arrives so at Lezeno Sanctuary (370 m), devoted to Virgin Mary. After visiting this sacred place, we take the southbound path that proceeds a paved road and then reaches the county road. Going left, we enter Ombriaco suburb, running into St. Bernardino's Church and a steep mule track which runs down towards Bellano and St. Rocco's Church. Our itinerary ends climbing down the staircase that leads to Orrido, a natural monument that certainly deserves a look. We pass by the parish church and eventually, crossing river Ploverna on the 72 county road, we reach Bellano railway station, whence we can go back to Dervio.

B

SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE: DERVIO - DORIO - COLICO

Travel time: 4-5 hours • Difficulty: easy

The itinerary starts from Dervio railroad station; taking the staircase and going straight on, we meet Piazza Cavour on the left, where Palazzo De Magni (XIV Century) rises up. At the crossing, we go right along via Diaz and then along via al Castello, reaching the path known as "Sentiero del Viandante" near Lavine's spring, on the vehicular road that leads to Valvarrone. On the right, we take the mule track that goes to the centre of Castello, where we can taste the ancient flavor of a fortified village, with its XII century tower and Saint Leonardo's little church. Coming out of the nucleus we take the county road, descending as far as the SS36 junction; then we take via Monastero, the one that leads to Corenno Plinio. The itinerary continues passing through Chiari and Monastero, where we find the rustic compound which was once



St. Clemente degli Umiliati's monastery. Lining the retaining walls of the highway and going beyond a pipe, the itinerary regains its antique structure of a cobblestones mule track, with a wide and breath-taking view over Corenno Plinio. Once reached the housing unit, we immediately notice the medieval mark of the place: the cobblestones square, the huge




castle, St. Tommaso's church with its three Counts Andreani's funeral arks. After a dutiful tour of the village, the itinerary continues on the county road; then, going right, we take the mule track that, proceeding through the fields and the farmsteads, leads us in Dorio area. So we reach Torchiedo, pass by S. Giorgio's church and arrive at the characteristic nucleus of Mandonico. The mule track grows up steep cutting the alpine coast and reaching S. Rocco's church, located on a promontory with a scenic view over the lake, Olgiasca and Piona. Here the path moves northeast in view of the small lake of Piona, bypassing Legnoncino's spurs. Passing through the woods we reach mount Perdonasco (600 m) and passing Voh's valley we arrive at mount Sparesee, with its beautiful woods and chestnut groves. Going ahead along a dirt patch, we reach a rural road descending with its rapid switch-backs as far as Posallo of Colico, whence we can reach Piona railway station and come back to Dervio.

C


LINEA CADORNA DA CORENNO PLINIO

Travel time: 2 hours • Difficulty: avarage

The itinerary starts from the medieval square of Corenno Plinio, easily reachable for those who get to Dorio railway station and then walk through the beautiful path by the lake. We take the path from county road 72, right in front of the castle; it steeply grows towards the mountain and goes into the woods, where we reach Croce fork. Going right, we arrive at a post for machine guns belonging to Linea Cadorna, along many other fortifications. This line was an extended defensive system built near the borders between Italy and Switzerland (1916-1918), having the task of opposing a contingent invasion by the Austro-Hungarian army during World War I. Proceeding southward, we reach a fortification made of foxholes and other posts for machine guns, sited on the border of the cliff that stands above Corenno Plinio. Hence we can admire a beautiful view over the medieval village and the western shore of the lake. Going behind and taking right path at the fork, after a steep rise, we run into more foxholes. Going ahead, we quickly reach Ciarei mountain huts, situated in a clearing full of springs. Proceeding upwards, along the mule track, we arrive at another fortified area; here it's possible to take a



look into two well-preserved shelters within a gallery, provided that we're torch-equipped. Then we get back as far as Ciarei fields; here a path in the woods, just below the ruins of a little house, heads southwards passing by Molinelli's aqueduct, which provides water to Corenno dwellings. Then we cross the conduit that provides the hydroelectric plant. Going upwards, we follow the path that leads to Comun, one of Vestreno's suburbs, whence, walking through a stretch of paved road, we reach the mule track that descend from Vestreno to Dervio. The itinerary cuts repeatedly Valvarrone county road, as far as reaching Castello suburb, with its medieval tower. From the laundry, going right, we enter Sentiero del Viandante, take the county road descending to SS 36 junction and then via Al Monastero. The itinerary continues




passing through Chiari and Monastero, where we find the rustic compound which once was St. Clemente degli Umiliati monastery. Lining the retaining walls of the highway and going beyond a pipe, the itinerary regains its antique structure of a cobblestones mule track, with a wide and breath-taking view over Corenno Plinio, village that we soon reach.

D

MONTE LEGNONCINO

Travel time: 3-4 hours • Difficulty: easy


Going up Valvarrone, along the road that passes by Vestreno and Sueglio, we can reach Roccoli di Artesso (1209 m). Here, near a small lake surrounded by larches, we can visit a number of gunboats, fitted to host big artillery calibers of Cadorna Line. At the end of the paved road, the trip to Mount Legnoncino begins. We go right on the path that goes along a snare for bird catching dated back to 1800 and used, until a few years ago, for capturing birds for scientific purposes. Passed Refuge Bellano, the route continues through the larches woods on the slopes of Mount Legnoncino, where there are some trenches and underground shelters. Beyond a last rise, the trail levels out and leads to the beautiful grassy plain of Roccoli Loria. Just above, following the indications, there is Refuge Roccoli



Loria (CAI Dervio). To get to the top from the car park, we turn right on a blocked military dirty road, with its wide turns and its slight uphill. In this short route we run into areas of cold alpine woods and others most definitely warm, where a lush mediterranean flora blooms. When we're about to reach

the top, we arrive at the church dedicated to St. Sfirio, which was rebuilt several times and dates back to thirteenth century. This church commemorates St. Sfirio's legend, who chose this place for hermitage and kept in touch with his six brothers who also were hermits in six near places. The legend tells they used to communicate through fire signals. Proceeding, we eventually reach the summit (1714 m), a real terrace above the lake. On a clear day, it is possible to see both branches of Lake Como, Lake Lugano, the mountains that surround Lake Como on the west; gazing northward, in addition to the near and imposing Mount Legnone, we can see Group Masino - Bregaglia - Disgrazia mountains. Returning to the starting point retracing the same route, beyond Roccoli Loria meadows, we can take both

the path we have already gone through or, if we'd like to change route, we can take the path on the right and go down to the beautiful town of Sommafiume. From here, in the upper part of the built-up area, we can take the path that brings us back to Roccoli di Artesso.



E

MONTI DI DORIO E BASSA VALVARRONE

Travel time: 4-5 hours • Difficulty: easy

The route starts from Vestreno Sports Centre, reachable by bus getting on Dervio - Tremenico line. We take via al Bacino, a steep slope paved road leading to the reservoir of Corenno hydroelectric plant. Here the road becomes flat and dirt and, going ahead for a little bit, we run into a small chapel and some underlying trenches and machine guns of the Cadorna Line on the left. Then the route enter the woods and we come to a promontory whence we can admire a beautiful view over Dorio and Olgiasca; hence Via Crucis panels that accompany pilgrims towards the small shrine of Madonna di Bondo (1672) start, where there's a picnic area. The itinerary continues in the midst of chestnut and birch woods and forests and, following the main road, it skirts the town of Piazzo; shortly after the junction, we



turn right following indications to Vezzè - Vercin and a little later we leave the road open to vehicles turning left. We take the path that goes beside a hunting station and then we turn right towards Bedolee; keeping the left, the route continues until we reach the town of Vercin. Once we have passed through the core of cabins, we take a dirt road that climbs up to Sommafiume,

a sort of summer resort for people who leave night. In the upper part of the built-up area, we take the paved road southward and then the path that leads to Roccoli d'Artesso fortifications (1209 m). Here, near a beautiful lake surrounded by larches and picnic planks, we can visit a number of gunboats fitted to host big artillery calibers of Cadorna Line. Taking the road or the trail crossing the path descending towards Dervio, we go right at the intersection towards Sommafiume. Crossed the village of Letee, on the left there's a trail that descends to the valley touching the location of Loco Tocco and reaches the town of Sueglio. Through the stepped narrow streets in the middle of the ancient and characteristic houses, we go down to the medieval parish church of St. Martino, consecrated in 1583 by St. Carlo




Borromeo. Admired the works of art inside, we go ahead towards Vestreno following the trail that reaches the upper part of the town. We pass through the village along the narrow streets of the old town and we reach then the starting point.

F

MONTE LEGNONE

Travel time: 5-6 hours • Difficulty: avarage

For highest altitudes lovers, we recommend to ascend Valvarrone by car, along the paved road that touches Vestreno, Introzzo, Tremenico as far as CAI Dervio refuge Roccoli Loria (1468 m). Hence the itineraries to Mounts Legnone and Legnoncino start: these routes meet the requirements of experienced hikers, but also of families with children. To peak mount Legnone, we take the path beside Roccoli Loria and go eastward, in the middle of magnificent beech trees. We soon run into the first pasture where, during summer, goats grazes and we can taste their cheese (which happens to be very good!). We proceed through larches and we can see wide openings on the imposing massifs of Badile, Disgrazia, Bernina and the green Valvarrone, as far as the Agrogno pasture (1750 m); here, during summer, usually we can see cows grazing. Hiking over, the woods thin gradually, the landscape becomes irregular and we walk next to a grassy cliff that slowly becomes rocky. Just before the camp, we run into a way which is equipped with ropes: nothing too difficult, we



just have to pay attention. We are at 2146 m asl and Cà de Legn camp can be a good haven during bad weather. Hence mount Legnone top seems near at hand, but there are 500 more metres of altitude gap to go beyond; they're not particularly difficult to handle, but they do require a certain hiking experience and adequate clothes (2610 m). Reached the top, the outlook is magnificent: we can see Lake Como, Lake Lugano, Valsassina, Valtellina and Valchiavenna; on particularly clear days, we can also see Po Valley and even Mount Rosa. From the top, other different routes branch off; they descend to Pagnona, Delebbo, Colico and Valsassina, but we take the one that bring us back to Roccoli Loria.



G

MONTI DI DERVIO

Travel time: 2 hours min., 5 hours max. • Difficulty: avarage

Excursion starts from St. Quirico church (known for its beautiful Romanesque belfry), easy reachable from Dervio railway station. Hence via al Monti, a nice mule track that ascends the mountain, starts. It leads to some delightful places on the north-west slope of mount Muggio. In these villages there are various mountain huts, that used to be barns or farmsteads. Going up the trail, we arrive at the entry of Falesia della Maliga, a rock climbing gym built by CAI Dervio. We then go beyond a little chapel and reach Pianezzo, with its huts surrounded by green meadows. Right beyond Pianezzo, taking a path on the right of the mule track, we come to Mai. Here, above the rocky cliff overlooking Dervio, we find Castelvetro ruins (V-VI centuries)



and can admire the amazing view over Dervio and Lake Como. Proceeding along the flat path and going beyond a chapel, we pass through the huts and reach a steep trail that offers panoramic views above Dervio, the lake, Mount Basso and Cangiago (672 m). Leaving the trail that goes up to Pratulungo, we

take the path on the left; it proceeds through the woods and climbs down to Vignago, a beautiful village full of centuries-old chestnuts, also famous for the tasty porcino mushrooms we might find nearby. Going left, we take the path and then the mule track which, following river Varrone in a higher position, descends to Pianezzo and leads to Dervio. If we're well trained we can lighten the itinerary and, going beyond Cangiago, reach Pratulungo's farmsteads; the view is really beautiful from here. Following the path, we arrive at the pasture of Pratulungo; going left beyond the "casera" (a cheese factory) we take the path that leads to Camaggiore pasture; during summer we can see cows grazing and we can also reach

monte Muggio's peak (1800 m). Our route proceeds towards the residential area of Camaggiore, a holiday resort; in the lower part of the housing unit, we take the trail that goes down to Noceno. We pass through the village and take the path behind the cemetery, coming back to Pratulungo and then to Dervio.




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ANELLO DEL MONTE MUGGIO

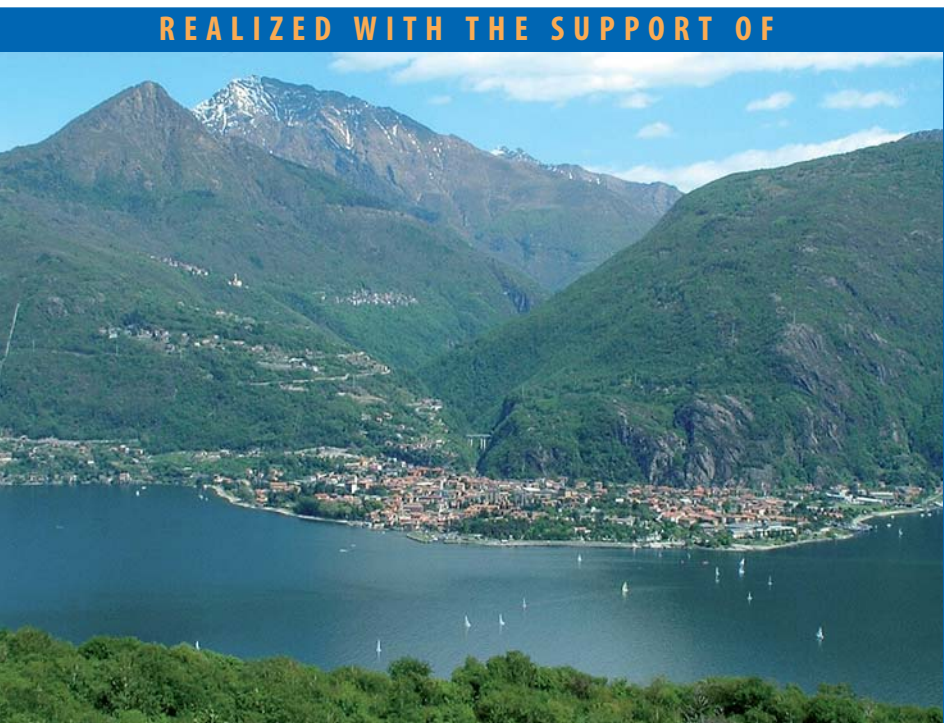
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That leads to refuge Capanna Vittoria and crosses the mountain huts on the slopes of mount Muggio. Going ahead and passing by a little church and the paraglider take-off area, we reach Alpe Chiaro; here, during summer, we can see cows grazing. Going left, we take the path ascending gently through the grazing lands; the view from here is amazing: Lake Como, western shore mountains, Swiss Alps. Reached Prà Bolsicino, we can see the lake and Valvarrone, dominated by mount Legnone and Legnoncino. The path pass through the coniferous wood, reaching Alpe Dolca pastures. We proceed in the beeches wood and, beyond a short rise, we reach a fork; going left, we



arrive at St. Ulderico church, sited on a grassy ledge with a spectacular view over mount Legnone. Ascending for a while, we run into a spring and then reach the eastern pastures of Alpe Giumello. From here, we take the path that goes through the slope of the mountain, reaching eventually mount Muggio's peak (1800 m). Panoramic views open on Prealpi Obrie (from Grigna to Pizzo dei Tre Signori), mount Legnone, Lake Como and the mountains above it. From the peak, we descend through the pastures to get back to Giumello. Here, during winter, ski and other sports can be played.





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