

The Greenway del Lago

The Greenway del Lago is a project planned to link footpaths from Argegno to Menaggio. So far the middle section has been completed, from Colonno to Cadenabbia, in five easy stages. You are never far away from a bus stop to take you home or back to your starting point.

Stage 1: Colonno to Sala Comacina, 35 minutes



The route starts at Colonno. Start at the car park at the bottom of Via Cappella at the south end of the village. You'll see signs for the Greenway del Lago. Then take the right fork along via Civetta and into the old heart of the village. Go across the descent to the lake and cross over the Pessetta torrente. From here you start a gentle climb out of the village. Carry on along the old via Regina that goes past terraced allotments and small olive groves, giving ample views of the lake. After about 35 minutes of pleasant walking, you will enter the village of Sala Comacina, arriving at the chapel of San Rocco. From here you can go down to the main road, or carry on for the next stage of the Greenway.



Colonno village centre



coming out of the old village



Above the roofs of Colonno

Stage 2: Sala Comacina to Isola di Ossuccio, 40 min



From the little shrine of San Rocco (from where drops a stone stairway through the medieval village to the marina of Sala, the greenway carries on along the old Via Regna with a splendid view of the lake and the Isola Comacina. After the bridge over the Premonte, you arrive at the village of Ossuccio and descend through the hamlet of Spurano, crossing over the main road. Having passed by the church of San Giacomo, cross the main road again and go back up towards the sanctuary of the Madonna del Soccorso.

At the junction with via Castelli*, go right, crossing through the village with a view of the bell-tower of St Maria Maddalena. After the roundabout, go down into the hamlet of Isola towards the Villa Balbiano. After the bridge over the Perlana torrente you arrive at Campo;).

*Alternatively, at the junction with via Castelli you can go straight on towards the Sanctuary della Madonna del Soccorso and follow the panoramic route that goes through the hamlets of Carate, Garzola, Molgisio, Masnate and Tregola, coming back to the Greenway at Mezzagra. This adds 2.2 km to the walk.



Above Sala Comacina



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Villa Balbiano

Stage 3: Isola di Ossuccio to Lenno Jetty, 30 min



ISOLA DI OSSUCCIO >>>>>> 1,7 km - 30 min >>>>>> IMBARCADERO DI LENNO

Having left the main road on your left, you go over the footbridge across the Perlana torrente and into the ancient village of Campo. You go past the entrance to the Villa Monastero and through higgledy piggledy streets to the path across the sloping Dosso di Lavedo, with the camp site on your left. Just in front of the Albergo Lavedo you have the choice of heading right towards the Villa Balbianello, or carrying straight on along the Greenway to the Lido di Lenno. The bar at the Lido is a very nice place to relax for a while. Otherwise, continue along the lake front, skirting past the historic villas and the square with the church of San Stefano and the Baptistery of San Giovanni, arriving at the jetty.



Lakefront of Lenno



Villa Balbianello



On the dosso di Lavedo

