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



Above Sala Comacina



Villa Balbiano

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



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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.







Villa Balbianello



On the dosso di Lavedo

Stage 4: Lenno to Bolvedro di Tremezzo, 1 hour



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From the Lenno jetty a footbridge across the Pola torrente takes you into the commune of Tremezzo, and the footpath passes along the lake in front of the Hotel San Giorgio. Going back up by a cobbled track you cross the main road again and start the climb to Mezzegra. After about ten minutes you reach a T junction with Via Pola and turn right. At the next fork take the left into the old via Pola, and after the church of San Giuseppe, head towards the church of S. Abbondio, from where you can enjoy a splendid panorama of the lake and the Bellagio promontory.

After this you go on through Bonzanigo, with the historic Palazzo Brentano. At the junction with via Brentano you start the descent back towards the lake, turning left into via delle Gere*. After crossing the bridge over the Bolvedro torrente, you carry on down towards the lake, eventually arriving at the tiny harbour at the bottom of via Monte Grappa.

*Alternatively, if you want to go higher, you can carry on at this height along the route that goes through the hamlets of Viano, Intignano, Volesio, Balogno, Susino and Rogaro before arriving at Griante at the end of the Greenway del Lago (this adds 5.5 km to the walk).



Under the l'Hotel San Giorgio



Climb to Mezzegra



Palazzo Rosati

Stage 5: Bolvedro di Tremezzo to Cadenabbia (Griante), 1 hour





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The final stage of the Greenway del Lago is entirely along the lake front, following a protected pavement that runs alongside the main road. Straight after Bolvedro, on the left, you pass by the villa 'La Quiete', and carry on through the Park of the Villa Mayer. Leaving the park, you pass under the portico of the Hotel 'La Darsena', and keeping to the lakeside, pass the ferry stop of Tremezzo, where the hovercraft calls, to arrive at the old centre of Tremezzo with its characteristic porticos, with bars and shops. A pleasant variant of this walk goes into the village through the alleyways, coming back down to the Greenway just before the Grand Hotel Tremezzo and Villa Carlotta.

After the Grand Hotel Cadenabbia the route goes past the car ferry terminal (here note the Anglican church of All Saints, which is worth a visit if it is open). The marked Greenway ends at the Lido, but if you want to you can continue on foot to Menaggio, either following the lakefront or climbing up and going through the hamlets of Griante.







Villa Carlotta



The lakefront at Cadenabbia di Griante