



This walk runs along the foot of Monte Bregagno at an average altitude of 300 m and touches a series of villages that are part of the towns of Crema. Pianello del Lario and Musso. Before descending to Dongo, you pass the church of S. Eufemia that is located on a rocky spur of the Sasso di Musso from where you have a splendid view of the lake.

**ITINERARY:** Rezzonico, Vezzedo, Cheis, Semurano, Vignola, Camlago, Maggiana, Coscia, Bresciana, Campagnano, Genico, Barbignano, Dongo

**TOTAL WALKING TIME:** 4hrs

**ASCENT:** 350 m

**DIFFICULTY:** two brief but steep ascent

**TRAIL SIGNS:** some wooden signs indicating "Sentiero del Giubileo 2000"

**CONNECTIONS:** To Rezzonico: bus line - C10  
From Dongo bus line - C10



**ROUTE:** You get off the bus at **Rezzonico**, near the castle. Before starting this walk we highly recommend a visit of Rezzonico itself, dominated by its castle built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by De la Torre family. The long flights of cobblestone steps, the beautiful harbour where the houses face the lake, make Rezzonico one of the few lakeside villages that have maintained its original village structure.

Turn back to the bus stop near the castle and cross the main road with much attention to traffic (you can also avoid crossing the main road by passing over the entrance of the tunnel). Walk up some steps and reach a shrine where you take the **Antica Strada Regina**, the ancient connection road built by the Romans, to the right. It leads around the point S. Nicolao and enters the commune of Crema. On the left side of the track you can notice a block with engraving indicating the border between Rezzonico and Crema.

You cross the bridge over the Valle delle Vacche and then you immediately go left up the steep flight of steps that leads along fields and vineyards to the village of **Vezzedo** (327 m). At the beginning of the village there is a shrine where you descend the steps to the right. You skirt the valley of the rio Vezzedo and cross the bridge. You end out on the paved road that leads to the village **Cheis** (345 m). Just past the Valle Boggia you arrive at a fork where you take the dirt track on the right (ignore the road to the left that ascends to the Cappella degli Alpini).



Vezzedo

The track skirts the valley, runs under a porch, and enters the village **Semurano** (359 m). Follow the small alley that crosses the whole village until you come out on the paved road from where you can see the close-by village of **Vignola** (335 m). In the piazza stand the town hall and the parish church of San Michele with a magnificent polyptych of the Borgognone school of the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century.



*Vignola*

At the far end of the piazza follow the small alley to the left that passes by the post office and at the end turn right into via Galetti.

Past a crossroads, proceed in the middle of two rows of pine trees and enter the village of **Cantone** (319 m) with its houses built along the steep valley of Quadrella. Cross the stone bridge (above on the left you can see what remains of a former silk mill) and continue on the cobblestone path. When you reach the paved road just before reaching the village **Motta**, immediately take the dirt track to the left. At the next fork ignore the deviation to the right. At the second fork keep left (on the right there is a little wooden foot bridge) and continue along the course of the water.

The track becomes a path that descends into a small narrow valley that crosses the rio Campello over a small stone bridge. Past a small shrine, from which you have a magnificent view of the lake, you continue on the track between two stone walls. It ends out on the road right in front of the village **Camlago** that is part of the commune Pianello del Lario. You proceed on the road that finishes at **Maggiana**. Enter the village, and

then, 10 m after you have passed a fountain, pick up the steps to the left marked with red signs. You end in via Dell'Era, a track that winds up in the middle of the fields. After 300 m, at the first fork, you leave the track and turn down to the right. You enter a valley and cross a foot bridge. Ascend the opposite side of the valley and then follow the small trail that leads down to the paved road. You follow it to the right and you skirt the village of **Coscia** (307 m) and pass above the church



*Church of S. Eufemia*



*View of Montecchio*

Madonna della Neve. Continue around the curve in the road and just past a small parking turn left in order to take the small path. It ends out on the paved road and you cross the village of **Bresciana**. You cross the bridge over the valley of Musso in order to enter the village **Campagnana**, where the 17<sup>th</sup> century church of San Rocco stands. Pass in front of the church but then turn left in via Lancedo. At the end of the street, just past a little bridge, go up the steps on the left and then turn right. You follow the paved road until you reach the road sign S. Eufemia / Genico. Proceed along via al Castello. Slightly further you cross through **Genico**, the last village of the commune of Musso. Here starts the ascent to the church of S. Eufemia.

The church was built in 1662 and stands on a rocky spur of the Sasso di Musso from where the view covers the whole northern part of the lake. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century the whole region was dominated by the condottiero Gian Giacomo Medici who lived in a castle that stood on the Sasso above the church, from where he controlled the whole area. Above the ruins of the castle there are the smooth faces of the former marble groves, exploited since the Roman Age. At the foot of the castle in the 18<sup>th</sup> century Giovanni Manzi constructed a park called Giardini del Merlo, inspired by the Ligurian gardens built on steep terrains. The park is being restored at the moment.

In order to start the descent towards **Dongo**, take the track on the left side of the church. After a short ascent the track leads down to the village **Barbignano**. Once in Largo Antonio da Desio, turn right into via Antica Regina and then again right into via Interna a Martinico that leads to the Romanesque church of S. Maria Martinico. Then proceed along via Lamberzoni and via Torazza and, at the end, just before the arch, take a left. You reach Piazza Rubini and then Piazza Parrachini dominated by Palazzo Manzi. Here you find the bus stop.

