



This walk leads from Gravedona to Domaso, over cobblestone tracks and town streets, offering a magnificent view of the whole northern lake area. From Domaso follow the lovely lake side promenade back to Gravedona.

ITINERARY: Gravedona - Segna - Pozzolo - Domaso - Gravedona

WALKING TIME: 2 h

ASCENT: 200 m

DIFFICULTY: brief steep descent beyond Segna

TRAIL SIGNS: almost none

CONNECTIONS: To Gravedona hydrofoil, boat or bus line C10 (Como - Menaggio - Colico)



ROUTE: Before starting the walk, we suggest you visit the extraordinary Romanesque church of Santa Maria del Tiglio. In order to reach it from the boat dock follow the lakeside southwards till you reach Piazza Trieste and from there proceed along via Roma for about 200 m. Santa Maria del Tiglio is a church-baptistry built in the 12th century on preexisting early-Christian buildings. It is unique in that it has a black-and-white striped façade incorporating an octagonal bell tower. Inside, there are fine 14th – 15th century frescoes and a magnificent Romanesque wooden crucifix. The church is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Back to the boat dock, continue along the lake side as far as Piazza Mazzini, where you follow the signs to “**Castello**”. Take via Castello, which leads to a nice viewpoint of the lake and town. The surrounding cluster of streets probably represents the oldest part of Gravedona.

Turn left to reach via Volta, then left again and right into via San Rocco. Past the Town Hall, follow the main road to the right for about 20 m (mind the traffic) and take via Dosi and Segna to the left. Follow it uphill until it forks. You have to go right following the signs for “Sentiero del Giubileo 2000 / Via Pessina” but before continuing, we suggest a short detour to the left to have a look at the church Santa Maria delle Grazie. This church, also known as “Convento” was founded by Augustinian monks in 1467. The interior presents one of the finest fresco cycles of 16th century Lombardian painting (open daily). From the church you have a wonderful view of Gravedona and Palazzo Gallio, an impressive palace with four towers and a loggia. It was built by the powerful Como-born Cardinal Tolomeo Gallio in 1582 and is now the seat of “Comunità Montana Valli del Lario e del Ceresio”. Not far from Santa Maria delle Grazie you can also admire the beautiful Romanesque church of SS. Gusmeo and Matteo, charmingly framed by plane trees. Inside there is a splendid 17th century fresco by Giovan Battista della Rovere, also called Fiammenghino.

Follow your footsteps back to the previous fork and follow via Pessina. At the next fork turn left onto an old track heading up to **Segna**. After the first bend you pass under the road leading from Gravedona to Peglio



View from Pozzolo



Vineyards around Pozzolo

and Dosso del Liro. Continue steeply uphill to the right and pass under the road a second time. Where the steps end, turn right and you will arrive at the village of **Moglio**. Just past a small chapel, take a flight of steps emerging onto the main road, which you follow to the right. After a few bends you arrive at **Segna** (390 m). The climb finishes where the chapel of San Lorenzo is. Continue straight until you reach the last houses and a wash house.

Continue on a wide cart track for about 100 m, then just past the last house of the village, turn right onto a small hidden path which leads downhill among vineyards towards the lake. You

can enjoy a wonderful view of the lake, the mouths of the rivers Mera and Adda, and the Pian di Spagna plain. The track, at times quite steep (slippery if wet), leads down to the hamlet of **Pozzolo** (310 m).

At the beginning of the hamlet on the right there is the small church dedicated to the Madonna delle Grazie with a portico, fountain and view point. The itinerary continues to the left and enters the hamlet which has conserved its ancient urban layout. Go down to the piazza Acone where you meet the road which leads up from Domaso. Follow it for approximately 100 m and, in front of the Villa Garovet, take the cobblestone track on the right which leads in the direction of **Domaso**. At the fork continue downhill to the right on the old track. At the end of the descent go left and then right and you will arrive in Piazza Leonardo Feloy. From here walk straight via Regina - locally called "Contrada": the ancient Roman road that connected Milan and Como to the Alpine passes. Continue straight on till you reach the main road where you turn right in order to reach the small harbor of Domaso. Domaso, built on the delta of the river Livo, was once a fishermen's village which has now changed into a modern tourist location. Just past the public boat pier, turn left and follow the peaceful lake side promenade that will take you from Domaso back to Gravedona in 25 minutes.

