



This walk leads through one of the most scenic areas of Bellagio. Apart from being immersed in nature, you will also have the possibility of tasting the local products.

**ITINERARY:** Visgnola - Belvedere Makallé - Chevrio - Brogno - Mulini del Perlo - Guggiate - Saira - Visgnola

**TOTAL WALKING TIME:** 2hrs 30min

**ASCENT:** 409 m

**DIFFICULTY:** easy to medium

**TRAIL SIGNS:** white-red

**CONNECTIONS:** Visgnola can be reached from Bellagio with bus line C36



**ROUTE:** from the bus stop at **Visgnola** opposite the church square (piazza della Chiesa), walk up to the right in **via Valassina** direction Erba-Milano and, after about 80 m go up the flight of steps on the left (trail sign n° 3). The trail (white-red trail signs) leads steeply uphill among the meadows and the woods. You emerge from the woods and, once you have reached the farm house Cascina Elisa, pay attention to the path that deviates level to the left; after about 100 m turn right and go up the meadow following the sign Chevrio. Climb over some easy rocks, in order to arrive at a cart track which you follow uphill. Continue alongside the green fencing to the left; after about 400 m, on the right, make a stop at the **Belvedere Makallé** and enjoy the wonderful view of the Bellagio promontory, the lake and the surrounding mountains.

Continue on the cart track, pass the Trattoria Belvedere (great view and local cuisine) and go down towards the small village of **Chevrio** (80 m before reaching Chevrio, on your left: "I Drenn" a farm selling cheese, butter, yogurt, berries and jams). Take the paved road to the right, and at the little chapel turn right and follow trail 5 down to the main road. Once on the main road turn left and, after 100 m walk up the level road between the two pillars. Continue on trail n° 5 and cross the bridge over the river Perlo. Once you reach the houses of **Brogno**, continue on the dirt road that skirts the park of Villa Mariani and start the descent towards Bellagio – trail n° 1. After passing the farms of **Begola**, the trail descends into the forest and, after a flight of steps, you arrive at the village

**Mulini del Perlo** (Mills of Perlo)

**DETOUR:** by turning right, you cross the river Perlo over an ancient arched bridge; here you can admire the Perlo gorge where the water flows through deep potholes dug into the boulders by the force of the water. Until a few decades ago, the water of the river Perlo was used to run the mills. The Perlo stream has recently become a location for canyoning. (If you walk up to the Hotel Il Perlo Panorama you



*View of the promontory of Bellagio*

reach the main road that leads down to Visgnola in 10 min).

From the village **Mulini del Perlo** descend along the dirt road that runs among the meadows of Cagnanica; then take a paved road until you arrive at a parking space. Be sure to take the trail on the right, between two houses, which leads down along a flight of steps to the bridge that crosses the river Perlo (on your right: remains of trout farms and an old spinning mill). Continue on the road through the village of **Guggiate** (good water gushing from the rock) in order to arrive at the Piazza della Chiesa di S. Andrea where you can admire a spectacular portal that leads into the private park of Villa Ciceri.

On the right side of the church take via "La Derta" that ascends to Suira, quaint village once the site of a convent.

At the shrine depicting St. Peter, turn right in order to reach the paved road and leave Suira behind you. You continue among houses and villas and reach **Casate** where, next to the little church of S. Antonio (16<sup>th</sup> century), you can refresh yourself at a fountain, then continue until you arrive at the church square of **Visgnola**.

Bridge over the river Perlo

