

A-Strada Regia

Leg 02



Technical overview

Itinerario Variante alta

Departure

>> Nesso 265 m

Arrival

>> Bellagio 206 m

Duration

>> 4 hours to P.te d. Diavolo

>> 5 hours and 30 min to

Bellagio

Total Distance

>> 15.75 km

Difficulty

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Elevation gain

>> 696 m

Elevation loss

>> 789 m

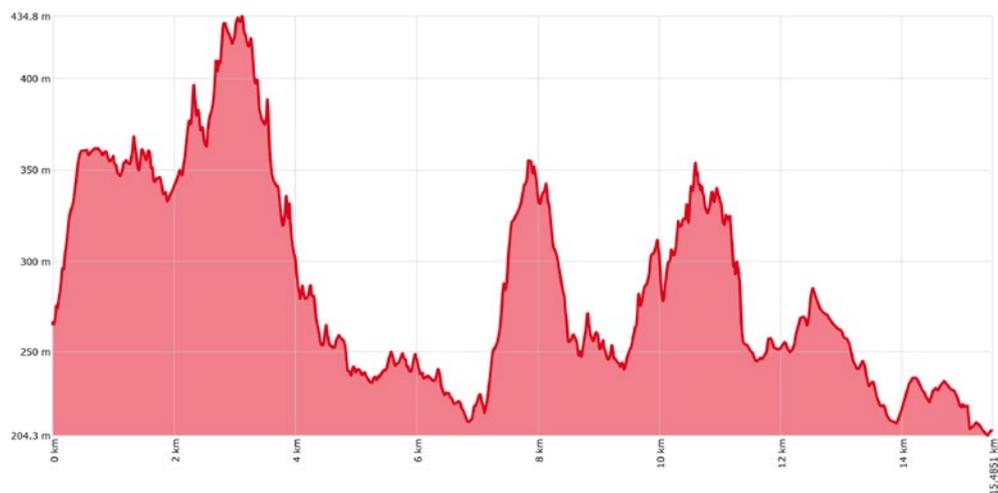
Low point

>> 198 m

High point

>> 421 m

Altimetry



Description

This itinerary begins at the bridge on the gorge known as **Orrido of Nesso**. From here we can choose between two options: the **high route**, which climbs up the mountain or the **low route**, which runs along the lakefront.

High route option

We resume our hike on the steps known as “Salita del Municipio” (i.e. “Town Hall Hill”) to the small community of **Lissogno** and from there we walk on via della Castagna until we cross the road on via del Tivano. We turn left and, after a few metres, we make a left at the fork leading to the **Church of S. Maria (369 m, 0.6 km)**; the alley cuts through the houses of **Vico** and continues flat through the woods towards Lezzeno, crossing the **mule track (351 m, 1.9 km - low route)** coming from Borgonuovo.

Low route option

From the bridge of Nesso we climb down the steps, heading towards the lake and the **Civera Bridge**. We follow via Coatesa along the tiny harbour and reach the provincial road. Here we turn left on via Borgovecchio, walk by the **Church of SS. Pietro e Paolo** and cross once again the provincial road; we make a left and continue on it, then we take the paved ramp by a small chapel on the right and climb up the steps until we join the high route.

From this point, the trail leading to Lezzeno wanders deep into the woods. It gently rises up in altitude, crosses small creeks and overtakes Cavagnola Peak. First we come across the village of **Carvagna (262 m, 4.1 km)** then we reach **Sormazzana (225 m, 4.9 km)** and Calvasino, where our route continues on asphalt for a short stretch. We leave behind the alleys of **Bagnana (219 m, 6.2 km)** and follow a path that runs along the provincial road and goes by the Historical Museum of Nautical Science; once we reach **Lezzeno**, the path winds behind the parish church of **SS. Quirico e Giulietta (203 m, 7.1km)**. In **Rozzo**, we take a sharp turn to the right on via Bersaglieri; after fording the stream, we climb up on a rocky path until we reach the **Church of the Madonna dei Ceppi (308 m, 8.3 km)** and then head downhill toward **Cendraro and Casate (229 m, 9.2 km)**. Once on the provincial road, by the panoramic viewpoint, the trail leaves the main road and clambers up on Mount Nuvolone, leading us to the area known as **Sassi Grosgalli**. After climbing and descending a number of times, we pass by a waterfall and reach a natural terrace overlooking the lake. We walk down the slope and come upon the gorge of the **Devil's Bridge**; the steep path leads us across it and quickly takes us to the provincial road, where the Strada Regia ends (228 m, 11.6 km).

Bellagio is 3 km from this point and it can be reached by bus or walking along the provincial road; however, the latter option is somewhat dangerous, as the road is quite busy.