

Excursion to the Lecco Refuge

Road access from Bergamo:

Valle Brembana – Olmo al Brembo, follow directions to Valtorta e poi Piani di Ceresola
Km. 56

Start of excursion:

Piani di Ceresola (1680 m.)

Travelling time:

3^h 50' (a/r)

Height difference:

400 m.

Difficulties:

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Asphalt road to Piani di Bobbio, then dirt road to the Lecco refuge

Recommended period:

May to September

Water on route:

YES

Rest stop:

Rifugio Lecco ai Piani di Bobbio 0341 910669/982026

Information:

Municipality of Valtorta 0345 87713

Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 IV N.O. Barzio

Geographical coordinates:

45,57367° N, 9,2932° E

Situated isolated and high up on the vast plateau of the Piani di Bobbio, the Lecco hut enjoys a fortunate position, sunny and panoramic, at the base of the wide acrocorus of the Valle dei Camosci, a wild amphitheatre enclosed between the rugged rock faces of the Zucco Barbesino, the imposing Zuccone dei Campelli and the Zucco di Pesciola with its long Ongania ridge. Owned by the C.A.I. (Italian Alpine Club) of Lecco, it is normally open from July to September and from December to May. During the winter season, it is very hospitable and is also an ideal refuge for multi-day stays. The Piani di Bobbio can be accessed from Barzio, in Valsassina, by cable car, or as described below, from Valtorta in the Upper Brembana Valley. Valtorta, the last village in the Stabina Valley, is situated with its hamlets, amidst woods and meadows, on the slopes of Pizzo dei Tre Signori, peaceful places that still preserve unspoilt natural environments. In Valtorta there is an interesting ethnographic museum and, beautiful to

see for the simplicity of its architectural lines, the 14th-century church of S. Antonio della Torre with its Romanesque bell tower with mullioned windows and valuable frescoes inside the church. Before Valtorta you come to Cassiglio, where the 18th century Casa Milesi features the unusual frescoes of the 'Danza Macabra'. From Valtorta, the carriage road climbs to the Piani di Ceresola (1330 m.) from where the ski lifts connect with the Piani di Bobbio ski area. A road, which can be travelled by motor vehicles but is closed to normal traffic (contact the municipality of Valtorta for access), climbs up the Val Lavazero with a few hairpin bends, then bends to the right and, crossing the ski slope a few times, continues cutting diagonally across the wooded slope until it reaches the head of the valley overlooking the Piani di Bobbio basin. Parking is possible near the little church. On foot, following the dirt track, you reach the visible Lecco refuge (1779 m. approx. 40' from the little church). If you do not have permission, stop at the Piani di Ceresola and leave your car in the large car park.



You begin the hike by taking the obvious tarmac road slightly uphill (at the end of the car park towards the ski slopes).



You always follow the road uphill, but never too steeply, passing alongside green meadows that become ski slopes in winter.



The road crosses the ski slope several times, which descends from the Piani di Bobbio to Ceresola.



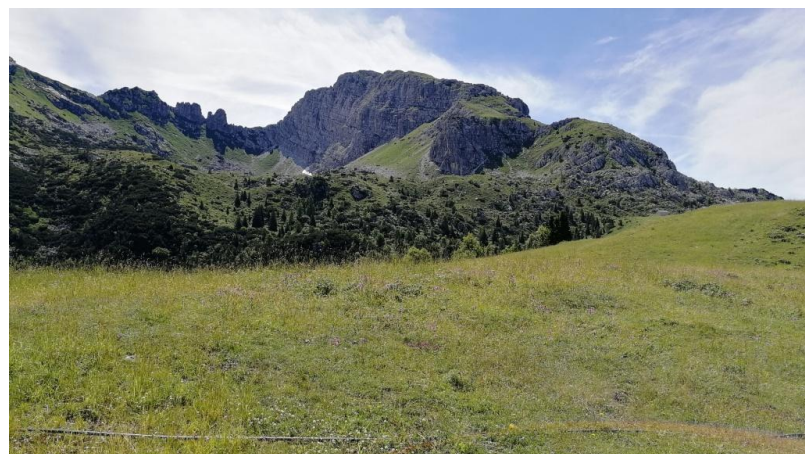
The asphalt road gives way to a dirt road.



This means that we have now reached the Piani di Bobbio.



The stretch is now rough, but easily passable.



From here, a beautiful view of the Vallone dei Mughi.



Towards the Pizzo dei Tre Signori.



Continuing on, we pass near the "Centro Fondo".



We continue slightly downhill.



At the crossroads we keep to the left and the road begins to climb again, but by now it is only a short distance, our destination is near.



After a few minutes we can finally see the Lecco refuge.



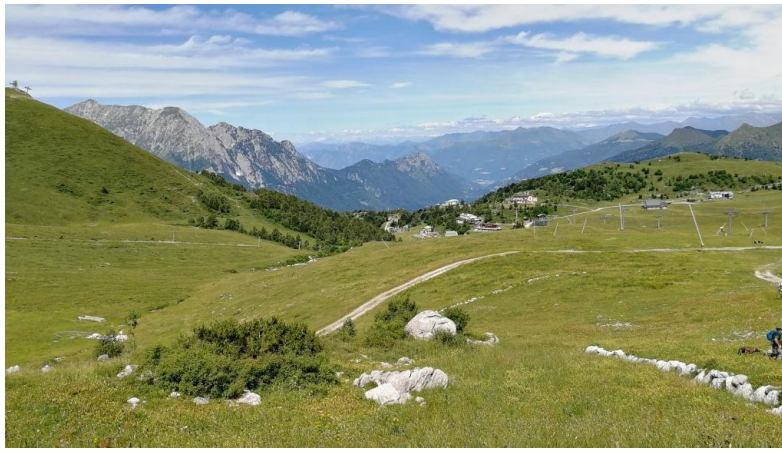
When we reach the refuge we can sit at the numerous tables and enjoy the beautiful view.



View towards the Vallone dei Camosci.

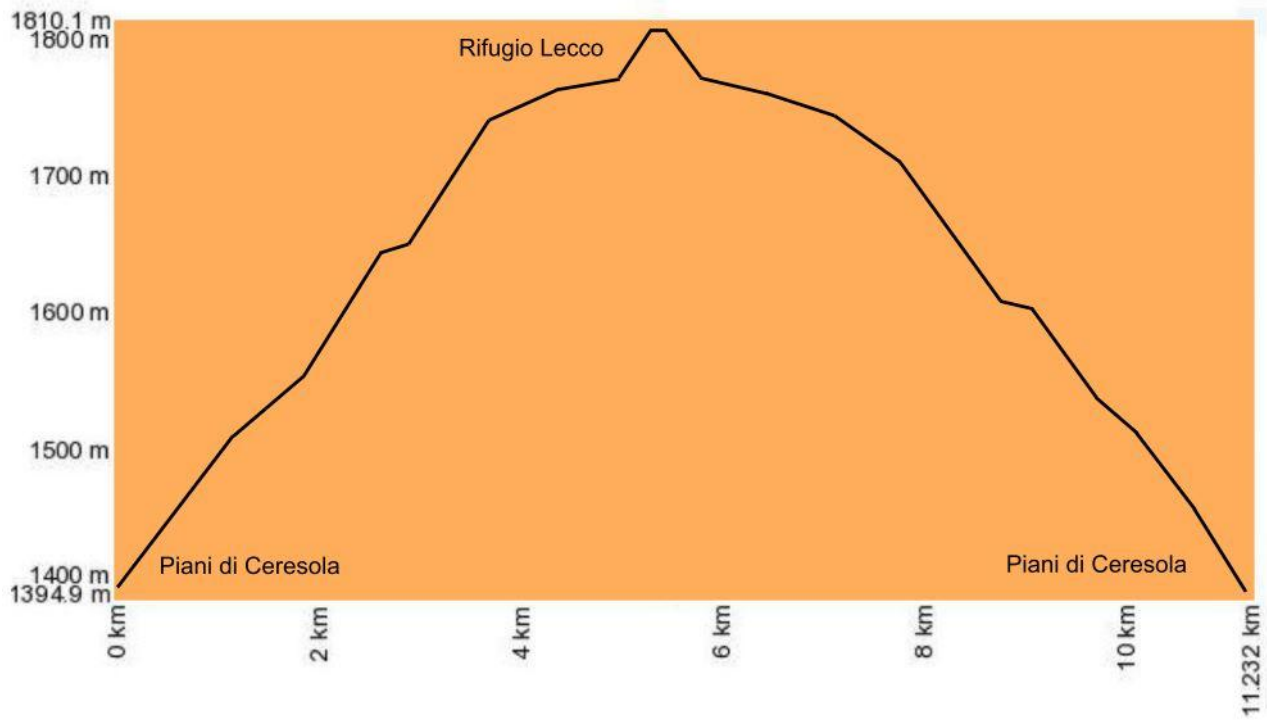


View towards the Northern Grigna (Grignone) and the Southern Grigna (Grignetta).



Towards the Valsassina. After a rest and refreshment, we set off again on our return journey, following the route taken uphill.

Altimetry



Route Map

