

From Robbiate to the Sanctuary of the Madonna della Rocchetta

Road access from Bergamo:

Curno, Presezzo, Terno d'Isola, Carvico, Calusco d'Adda, Robbiate.
24 Km.

Start of excursion:

Car park in Via Cappelleria, 1, Robbiate, BG (267 m.)

Travel time:

2^h 17' (a/r)

Height difference:

111 m.

Difficulty:



Asphalt road, dirt road, cobbled road and final staircase

Recommended period:

All year round in the absence of snow

Water on the course:

NO

Rest stop:

Lo Stallazzo

Information:

Municipality of Paderno d'Adda. Tel: 039 513615 - Municipality of Robbiate: Tel: 039 513221
Cavaliere d'Italia Fiorenzo Mandelli Cell: 338 2800822

Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 III S.O. Caprino Bergamasco – IGM F. ° 32 II S.E. Merate

Geographic coordinates:

45.684839° N, 9.449632° E



After parking the car in Via Cappelleria, we begin our descent towards the Adda River.



The road surface is paved and the gradient is not excessive.



In front of us, we see the water intake from the Adda River at Alzaia del Naviglio.



After turning right, continue along the road that runs parallel to the river.



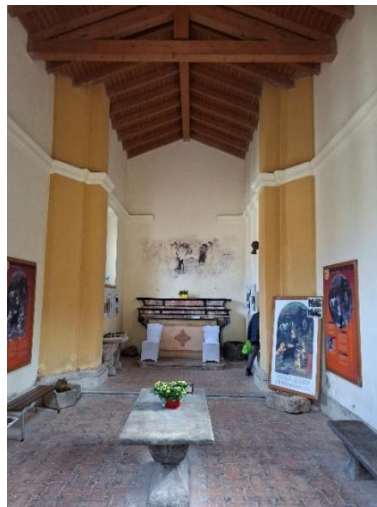
In front of us we see the San Michele Bridge in Paderno d'Adda.



We reach the Poirée dam, built with panconcelli.



Turning left onto a small bridge, we find ourselves in front of the small church of Santa Maria Addolorata in Paderno d'Adda.



Mr. Fiorenzo Mandelli kindly opens the little church for us and welcomes us inside.



After our guide's explanations, we admire the beautiful design behind the altar.



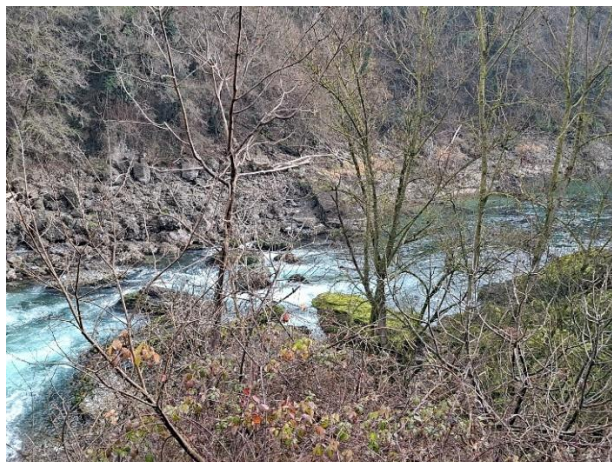
After saying goodbye to Fiorenzo, we continue our walk along the towpath of the canal, which is now empty due to maintenance work.



On our left, we pass a plaque commemorating Giovanni Villa, the first coordinator of G.E.V.



As we continue, the ground changes, and we are now walking on fine, compact cobblestones.



To our left we see the river, which inspired Leonardo da Vinci's Virgin of the Rocks.



The Adda River now flows like a torrent.



In the distance on the right, we see a lock and the canal bed cleared of debris.



Next to the lock on the right is the entrance to a tunnel that will carry water from the Adda River.



Continuing on, we resume our journey along the Adda, on ground that is still compact.



To our right, we admire a small waterfall from an overflow opening in the tunnel.



Now we cross a small bridge on our right.



In front of us, the vegetation has created an arch over the canal, which we easily pass under.



We reach a small bridge with a signpost indicating another direction, but we continue straight ahead.



To our left, a path opens up leading to Catino d'Adda Beach.



Continuing along the path, we come to a refreshment point on our left.



We are at "Stallazzo" and stop for a moment to ask for information about the route.



On the lawn, we glimpse a trail that will lead us to a staircase.



We take the staircase that climbs up to our right.



The steps of the staircase are in good condition and the climb is easy.



We have reached the top of the climb and admire the course of the Adda River, which has resumed its slow flow.



We are now facing the rear wall of the Sanctuary of the Madonna della Rocchetta.



At the Sanctuary, based on an idea by Fiorenzo Cav. Mandelli and financed by the Municipality of Paderno d'Adda, we can admire the statue depicting Leonardo da Vinci.



After leaving the Sanctuary, we descend towards the towpath using the staircase and turn right.

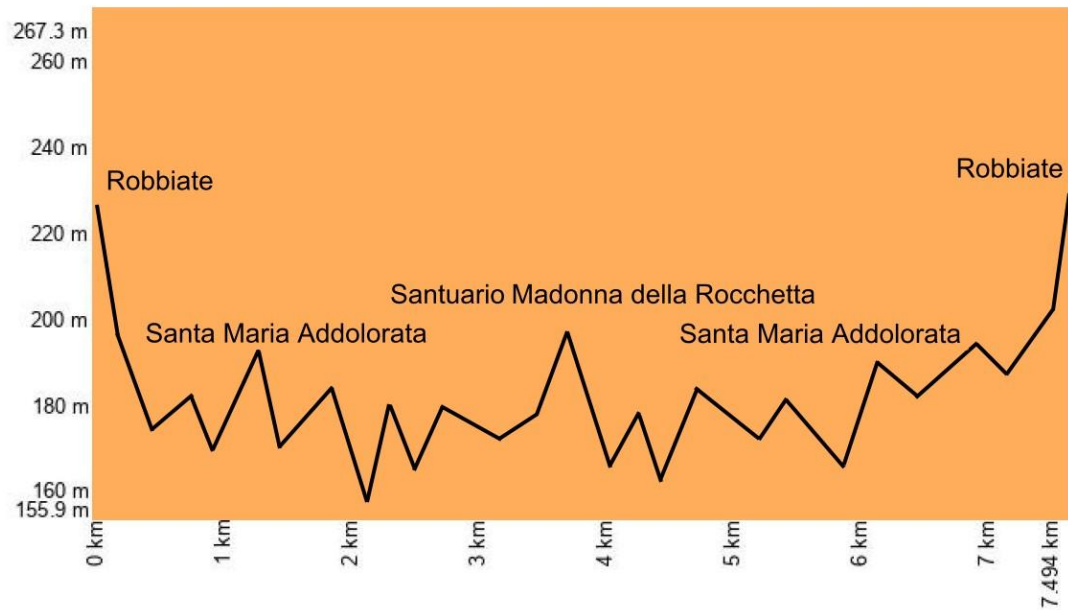


We are now following the same route as on the way there to return to the starting point.



In front of us we see the parking lot where we started our walk.

Altimetry



Route map

