From San Carlo to the Gleno Bridge

Access by road from Bergamo:

Alzano Lombardo, Clusone, Passo della Presolana, Vilminore di Scalve
Km. 70

Start of the hike:

Car park at the Little Church of San Carlo, Bares location, 24020 Vilminore di Scalve, BG (1082 m.)

Journey time:

55’ (a/r)

Elevation gain:

170 m.

Difficulty:

AT

Dirt road and footpath

Recommended time of year:

All year round, provided there is no snow

Water along the route:

YES

Rest stop:

Imperial Bar, piazza Papa Giovanni XXIII, 8, Vilminore di Scalve Tel: 379 2064978

Information:

Municipality of Vilminore di Scalve: Tel: 0346 55056

Topographic map:

IGM F. º 34 IV N.E. Vilminore di Scalve

Geographical coordinates:

45.99592° N, 10.08503° E

Before parking, buy a “Fill in and Park” day ticket from shops in Vilminore.

We chose the car park in Bares, near the little church of San Carlo.

On the right-hand side of the SP58 road, a dirt track begins, marked by a signpost.

We set off along the path (CAI Trail 443), which is also part of the Via Decia.

To our left we see a small house and the road surface is cobbled.

The surface changes constantly; now it is a mixture of gravel and grass.

On the left we see a signpost indicating the “Gleno Alpine Arboretum”.

As we continue, we come across a rustic cottage with an off-road vehicle parked outside, used for transporting materials.

The gradient levels off and the ground is now firm and easy to walk on.

On the right, we come to a small nativity scene set against the base of a felled tree.

We are well into the woods now; the ground is firm and the path is easy to walk on.

We reach a small bridge, which allows us to cross a penstock used for water transport.

On the left-hand side of the path, we can admire the hamlet of Bueggio.

We come across another small, very well-maintained cottage on the left-hand side of the path.

At the end of this cobbled section, on the right-hand side of the path, we see a splendid building.

Before reaching the house, we come across a drinking fountain on the right, which provides water.

We have temporarily left the woods and can see grassy meadows on the left.

After re-entering the woods, we come across the “Baita del Nono” on the left.

On a rough stretch of the path, there are small cut logs on the left.

The ground is uneven with stones protruding from the soil; care must be taken in wet weather.

On the right, we find a sign informing us of the presence of the “Formica Ruffa” ant.

The path now levels out onto a small cobbled surface, making for fairly easy going.

After the small rockfall on the right, we see a clearing among the trees in the distance.

We have reached the “Ponte del Gleno” area, which has a large refreshment area.

In front of us is a picnic area with tables and benches, and some small sculptures on the right.

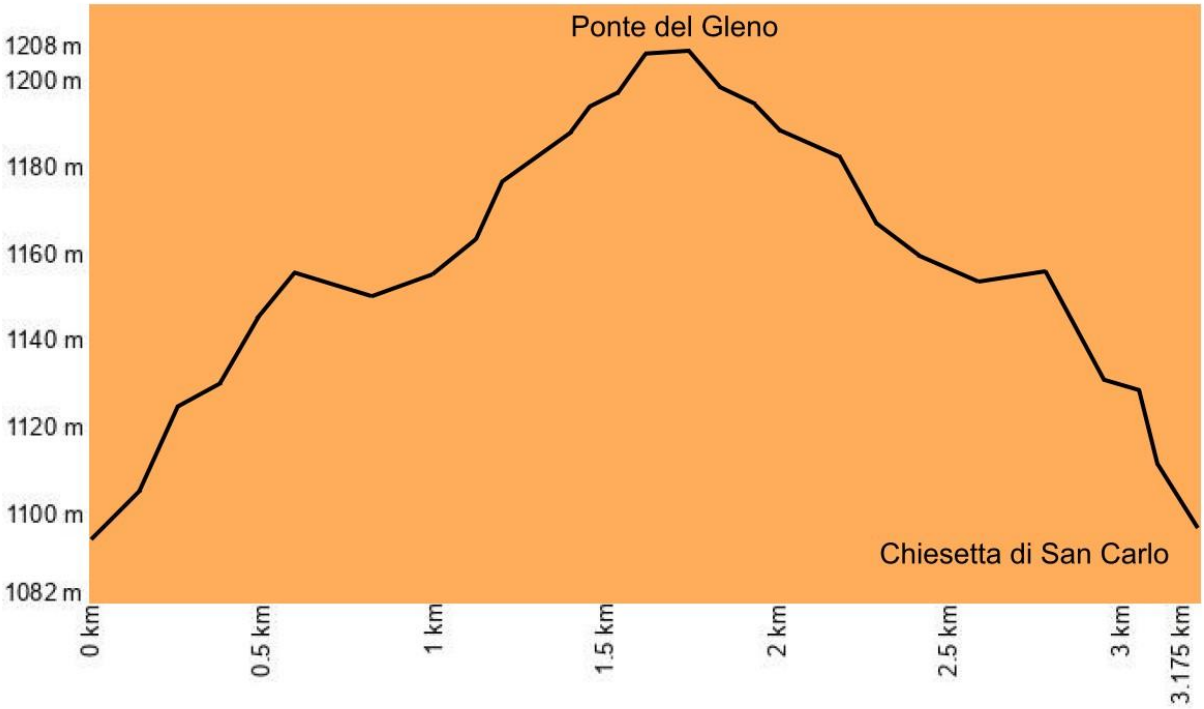
We stop to read the information panel on fragments of local history.

We have reached the "Ponte del Gleno", named after the stream it crosses.

During the descent, we can admire the northern slope of the Presolana.

At the end of the walk, we reach the little church of San Carlo, from where we set off this morning.

Elevation profile



Route map