

# Casa Orchidea

## Trekking possibilities around Casa Orchidea

### Strada Regia

The laneway outside the house is an old Roman pathway, the Strada Regia offers great walks, including an easy fifteen minute walk to the next village or a one hour hike into the forest with beautiful views of the lake. If you opt for the one hour hike, you can reward yourself with a meal at the Agriturismo Baita La Morena where you will enjoy the delicious local cuisine with a spectacular view of Lake Como.



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## Monte San Primo

At 1682m, Monte San Primo is located just above Lezzeno. Access is possible through Bellagio (see map). This trek will give you breathtaking views of the lake and the surrounding mountains. In the winter 3 ski-slopes are open to the public. More information is available at the following link:

<http://www.niguarda.com/Montagna/SPrimo.htm>



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## Some other Trekking possibilities around Lake Como:

- ❖ One of the most popular walks, which can be quite steep at times, is the walk up to the chapel of San Martino behind **Cadenabbia/Griante**, the views are spectacular.
- ❖ **Monte di Tremezzo** (1700 metres) is a bit of a challenge but has excellent views. Be prepared for an full day walk/hike and going through a tunnel right through the cliff (bringing a small torch is advisable) up to the domed summit. The descent is easier as there is an old military road from the summit down to the slopes of Argegno. You can then take the cable car from these slopes near Argegno down to the lakeside if you wish.
- ❖ From Varenna, there is a well signposted walk that leads up to a ruined medieval castle perched right above the settlement. From there you can walk through woods and an olive grove, to the shortest river in Italy, **Fiumelatte**, which rushes from a cave a couple of hundred feet above the village of the same name and only flows from March to October.
- ❖ For the more adventurous there are hiking paths off the piste, (many of which are not maintained), which are quite overgrown and rugged, but nothing matches the scenery! **Monte Grona** near Menaggio, **Grigne Mountains** around Lecco and the **Legnone mountains** around Colico are all popular hikes. Ranging from 1736 – 2600 m. On some of these hikes, it is recommended that you go with an experienced guide.

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- ❖ If you want to see some wonderful lake views without having to hike up the mountain there is an alternative; why not take a cable-car ride! You can take the cable-car in Como up to **Brunate** (700 m) or from Argegno up to **Pigra** (881 m).
- ❖ **Jungle Raider Park** which is located approximately 12km up the mountain from Bellagio is an adventure park for children and adults where you can walk amongst the treetops and offers obstacle courses.
- ❖ A nice walk for the children (and of course adults) is to the '**Rogolone**' which is a very large and old tree located in the woodlands in Grandola Ed Uniti. To get there from Menaggio, follow the signs for Porlezza. Once you pass Croce at the top of the hill, Grandola Ed Uniti is the next village on your right. Take this turn and you will see that the road forks, veer to the left and follow the road up, once you pass the second hair-pin bend, you will see a school and the 'municipio' (town hall) and a large children's play area on your left. You can park here. There are signs (in brown) for the Rogolone, just follow the path. The walk to the tree is approximately 40 minutes and there are some beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and also the valley where you can see Lake Lugano.

