



## OLD MILL

This point of interest is found in Cernobbio - [Path 2](#) - Stage 1

### INFORMATION

**Location:** on the right bank of the stream flowing from the Buco della Volpe, a karst cavity in mount Bisbino which opens under the hamlet of Madrona.

**Paving:** the old mill building is surrounded by grassy slopes limited by dry stone wall terracing.

**Access:** the building is a private property where access is prohibited.

**Services:** -

**Leisure and food:** -

### DESCRIPTION

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The building, in undressed local stone, is divided into two parts, the smallest of which is on the right, where presumably the mill-wheel was located, so to be moved by stream waters, and used to grind wheat, corn, and chestnuts. Como scholar Paolo Giovio, in his work *Paulii Iovii Descriptio Larii Lacus*, drawn up in 1537, and published in Venice in 1559, wrote as follows: “Just above Cernobbio, on the gentle slopes of the mighty mount Bisbino, one can see Piazza, Rovenna, Toldino, blessed by excellent corn quality, albeit coming from less than abundant crops”. And, as Giambattista Giovio wrote in 1795 in his work *Como e il Lario*: “You can gather wheat there which has ears so full and attractive that it is a delight to cook them in a soup, in the same fashion as you would cook spelt or barley”.