



MONUMENT TO PIETRO VASSENA

You can find this point of interest in Argegno - Path 1 - Stage 1 and in Argegno – Path 2 – Stage 0

INFORMATION

Location: the monument to Pietro Vassena is located on the right side of the Café “Il Porto”, in via Lungo Telo di Destra

Paving: porphyry

Architectural barriers: there are no architectural barriers. People who do not want to cross the SS 340, can enter the subway, which is free from the architectural barriers, allowing the entrance to Piazza Rimembranza (in front of the Trattoria da Emilio) and from here (always free from architectural barriers), it is possible to enter Piazza Roma through a narrow street, in front of the new fountain, where Stage 2 of Path 1 begins

Access: the monument is placed on the ground and is unfenced

Services: parking available in the area; cash dispenser Banca Popolare di Sondrio at the lakeside Station in Piazza Testi

Leisure and food: Beach, Café, Pizzeria, the Marina, docking of the Lake Navigation with public toilets at the lakeside Station

DESCRIPTION

(Silvia Fasana)

In 1968 the city hall of Argegno inaugurated a bust dedicated to Pietro Vassena of Malgrate (1897-1967). Pietro Vassena, in March 1948, made a memorable dive in the waters in front of Argegno on board the submarine C3 he designed, with which he touched the bottom of the lake (412 metres), thus establishing the world record in depth. Thanks to this record Vassena and Argegno gained a world reputation and, with the monument, the community of Argegno wanted to pay him a tribute. During the inauguration of the bust of Vassena in 1968, some scuba-divers of the fire brigade put, at the depth of 15 metres, just outside the port, a commemorative plaque on a concrete block with the following words: «*A Pietro Vassena nel ventesimo anniversario del record mondiale di profondità – 12 marzo 1948/1968 (To Pietro Vassena, in the 20th anniversary of the world record in depth-on March 12th 1948/1968)*».