



MONUMENT TO ALESSANDRO VOLTA

You can find this point of interest in Como 6 – Stage 1.

INFORMATION

Location: the monument to Alessandro Volta is located in Piazza Volta in Como

Paving: Piazza Volta is paved with granulated concrete, with inserts of porphyry tiles, stone slabs and stone cubes

Architectural barriers: care must be taken because the square is not flat, but has differences in height with variations in pavement created during the last arrangement of the street furniture

Services: Car park in via Rubini; bus stops nearby; pharmacy in via Garibaldi; ATMs in via Rubini

Leisure and Catering: in the area there are bars, cafes, restaurants and shops. Benches are situated all around the monument

Other information: pedestrian zone with limited traffic.

DESCRIPTION

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In 1838 a monument dedicated to the great physicist was inaugurated in Piazza lasca (later named after Alessandro Volta). The statue portrays the scientist in an upright position near the battery; it is the work of Pompeo Marchesi, one of the most famous sculptors of the time. The massive base, decorated with plant festoons, plumes, eagles and roundels with bas-reliefs depicting some famous Volta's inventions, is by Francesco Durelli; a simple dedication is engraved on it: "A Volta – la Patria". On the 1999-2000 celebrations, the Municipality of Como proceeded to enhance the square through the reconstruction of the pavement, the redesign of the street furniture and greenery, as well as the creation of special lighting.