



“VOLTA WALK”

You can find this point of interest in Como 6 – Stage 2.

DESCRIPTION

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From Piazzale Don Serafino Pozzetti begins the so-called “Volta Walk”, a pedestrian and bicycle path with a slight and constant slope up to the hamlet of Solzago (a fraction of the municipality of Tavernerio) that retraces a stretch of the old Como-Erba-Lecco tram line, whose last run took place on May 11, 1956. This stretch of almost 2.8 kilometers, specially built in 1911 by flattening the ground to create a fast connection between Camnago Volta and Solzago, was abandoned to itself, so much so that the bridge made to cross the valley of the Bottini waterfall, located exactly on the border between the Municipalities of Como and Tavernerio, collapsed. So, the route was interrupted. Only in 1999 – forty-three years after the closure of the tram – thanks to a program agreement signed by the Municipality of Como, that of Tavernerio and the Association La Città Possibile Como, a new pedestrian bridge was built, in the same place as the original one, and was inaugurated on June 9, 2002. In addition, thanks to redevelopment and cleaning works, the stretch from Solzago to Camnago Volta was restored, thus creating the pleasant Volta Walk, immersed in the greenery of the Cosia valley, in the footsteps of the old tram and of the famous Como scientist Alessandro Volta, whose tomb stands nearby. Walking along the “Volta Walk”, the attentive eye notices details, sometimes partially hidden by vegetation, that remind us why that wide path was born: the stone walls on the sides, the vintage metal parapets, the arches of some bridges ... There are no tracks anymore, but otherwise everything is more or less as it used to be. One still seems to hear the voice of the Honourable Carcano, when on May 8, 1912, speaking on the inaugural tram ride, said: *«It is the most beautiful line in Italy, both because it links Como with the fertile Brianza countryside, and because it borders on the tomb of the great scientist Alessandro Volta... »*