



Easy trail along the mountain side, east from Como. From Torno it is possible to get back to Como by boat all year round.

**ITINERARY:** Brunate - Monte Piatto - Torno

**WALKING TIME:** 2hrs 30min

**ASCENT:** almost none **DESCENT:** 400m

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy. The path is mainly flat. The last section is a stepped mule track downhill, but the first section of the path is rather rugged. Not recommended in bad weather.

**TRAIL SIGNS:** Signs to "Montepiatto" all along the trail

**CONNECTIONS:** To Brunate Funicular from Como, Piazza De Gasperi every 30 minutes  
From Torno to Como boats and buses no. C30/31/32



**ROUTE:** From the lakeside road Lungo Lario Trieste in Como you can reach **Brunate** by funicular. The tram-like vehicle shuffles between the lake and the mountain village in 8 minutes. At the top station walk down the steps to turn right along via Roma. Here you can see lots of charming buildings dating back to the early 20th century, the golden era for Brunate's tourism, like Villa Pirota (Federico Frigerio, 1902) or the fountain called "Tre Fontane" with a Campari advertising bas-relief of the 30es. Turn left to follow via Nidriano, and pass by the Chalet Sonzogno (1902). Do not follow via Monte Rosa but instead walk down to the sportscentre. At the end of the football pitch follow the track on the right marked as "Strada Regia." The trail slowly works its way down to the **Monti di Blevio**. Ignore the "Strada Regia" which leads to Capovico but continue straight along the flat path until you reach **Monti di Sorto**. The little plateau up the steps is a pleasant spot to take a rest, with a fountain, a chapel and a nice panoramic view.

Continue along the flat path which skirts a meadow and crosses a little valley and leads you to a group of houses. The trail crosses another little creek to reach the houses of **Monti di**

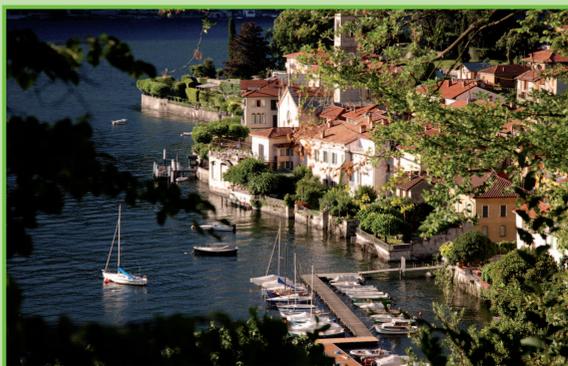
**Cazzanore**, it turns slightly right and leads to the only fork of the walk: turn right and follow the path uphill as it skips some abandoned buildings and swings into a little valley where you can spot the first houses of **Monte Piatto** ahead of you. When you reach the mule track coming up from Torno, turn right to walk up the steps to reach the centre of the hamlet.

Here you can stop to re-fuel at



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the typical restaurant Crotto, enjoy the view from the church Santa Elisabetta, or follow the arrows to the **"Pietra Pendula"**, a huge boulder suspended on the apex of a limestone rock. (10 min. – signs) Those who wish to walk a little bit longer can follow the cart road from Monte Piatto to **Piazzaga** (15min), another nice hamlet with crotto and chapel, and walk down to Torno along a good mule track.



Torno

From Monte Piatto you can reach

**Torno** either following the cart-road or a stepped mule track (approx. equal length, 1hr downhill).

The bus stop back to Como is along the main road via Roma, while the boats leave regularly from the beautiful harbor-square, piazza Casartelli.

