



Easy walks at the bottom of the peaks Corni di Canzo along a geological trail and the Trail of the Wood Fairy. From Terz'Alpe it is also possible to take longer excursions to the mountains around.

**ITINERARY:** Gajum - Terz'Alpe - Gajum

**WALKING TIME:** 2hrs

**ASCENT:** 250 m

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAIL SIGNS:** no. 2 for the Geological Trail

**CONNECTIONS:** Canzo is situated along the road Erba-Bellagio. If arriving by car reach the railway station Canzo-Asso in piazza Verza and follow the signs to Gajum (parking).

Public transport: Lenord trains line Milano-Erba-Asso or bus no. C49 from Como to Asso. From the station in Asso to Gajum 30 min walk.



**ROUTE:** From the car park **Gajum** follow the path skirting the stream in the valley bottom and marked as "Sentiero Geologico." The educational panels installed along the trail explain the geological characteristics of the area: rocks of marine origin, erratic blocks and natural pools created in the boulders by the water. When the dirt road you are on comes to a junction we recommend to turn right and follow the track uphill to reach the little church of **San Miro**. The church was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> cent. and dedicated to Saint Miro Paredi, a hermit who lived here in the 13<sup>th</sup> cent., highly honored by the locals. Many miracles of water were ascribed to him, for example the spring gushing from the rock on the little square off the church (20 min for the diversion).

Walk back down to the junction, cross the little wooden bridge and follow the trail as it swings up the valley in the woods. The easy trail crosses

the stream many times over little bridges and eventually climbs and leads to **Terz'Alpe**, a typical rural building of the 50s, when farmers used to live on the moraine terraces of these mountains. Terz'Alpe now houses an agriturismo with livestock, farming, restaurant and sleeping facilities.

Those wishing to take longer excursions in the mountains can follow the waymarks to:



*Church of S. Miro*

- Monte Cornizzolo (ascent 500m – 1hr 30min)
- Corni (ascent 580m – 1hr 30min). Access to the peaks should only be attempted by experts and when the ground is not muddy nor icy
- Monte Prasanto (ascent 503m – 1hr 45min)

The route back commences 20m off the agriturismo and it is called the **“Trail of the Wood Fairy”** because a clever sculptor, Alessandro Cortinovis, scattered it with carved gnomes, elves, animals and other installations.

Winding gently downhill the trail leads to another rural building, Prim’Alpe, in 40 min, but take your time to discover and admire the wood fairies hiding along the path. **Prim’Alpe** is managed by Legambiente (Italian League for the Environment) and affords a little natural museum, meadows and a fountain with a nice stone basin. Head down the hill following the cobbled road to reach the parking at **Gajum** (20 min).

