



Cannobio bikeway



Cannobio's "bike way," along with other measures designed and implemented with a bike-friendly perspective, has enabled the town of Verbania to receive the coveted "yellow flag" as a **bike-friendly municipality** from FIAB (Italian Federation for Environment and Bicycle).

In doing so, the last Italian town close to Canton Ticino, dear to San Carlo Borromeo, intended to offer its many guests a bicycle route to learn more about its territory.

Inspired by European directives encouraging routes along waterways, Cannobio has developed its bicycle path between Lake Maggiore and the Cannobino Stream, offering users numerous insights into history, culture, and the environment.

The **starting** point is the **Lido area** of Cannobio, near the **mouth** of the **Cannobino Creek**.

You begin by following the beautiful **lakefront (Via Magistris)**, but we recommend a few minor digressions into the narrow side streets to discover the various relics of medieval architecture.

Past the City Hall, take **Via XVII Maggio**, slightly uphill, until it crosses SS 34 Lago Maggiore.

Crossing the state road, go around the parking lot in the locality of Amore on the left and continue along side streets at the foot of the mountain slope until you come out parallel to the SP 75 Valle Cannobina Road and take **Via Cuserina**, which you follow for about 400 m to a widening dedicated to parking.

Just near the parking lot entrance, a new bicycle/pedestrian section begins along a track that climbs halfway up the hillside to the **Carlina Water Springs**; this is the most bucolic part of the entire route.

From here, the track descends along some hairpin bends until it crosses the **SP 75 Valle Cannobina road**, which you follow for about 800 m, leaving on your right the junction for Traffiume and continuing uphill (there is a difference in the height of about 40 m to overcome) to the turnoff for **Via Sant'Anna**, which leads to the **orrido** of the same name (a picturesque gorge carved by the water of the Cannobino River) and the **small church** dedicated to Mary's mother.

The two natural and religious "monuments" are reached downhill.

After crossing the bridge in front of the small church, take the almost flat **bicycle and pedestrian path** that runs along the **left hydrographic bank of the Cannobino Creek**. In the first part, it abuts a small beach that is very popular in summer.

This section is beautiful because it abuts the creek, with several meadows and cultivated fields on one side and a well-shaded area on the other, the one overlooking the creek.

When you reach the **bicycle-pedestrian footbridge** (the so-called **Ponte Ballerino**) to return to the Lido, you can choose either to cross the bridge and continue on the bicycle path on the **right bank** or to continue on the bicycle path on the **left bank** that comes to cross the Lake Maggiore highway at the bridge. You skirt the soccer field on the bike path and return to the starting point.

TECHNICAL ASPECTS

The route is feasible with a regular city bike.

CRITICAL POINTS

1. Ascent from the lakefront to the parking lot at Amore with the associated crossing of SS 34.
2. From the Carlina Spring to the junction for Via Sant'Anna with a climb with highs of 7%.

TECHNICAL DATA

Relevant geographical area:	Verbano / Cannobio / North Point Lake Maggiore-Piedmont shore
Place of departure and arrival:	Lido area
Number of legs:	1
Length:	7.8 / 8.5 km
Height difference:	93 m
Total ascent:	141 m indicative
Total descent:	141 m indicative
Difficulty:	EASY
Average duration:	1 hour 15 minutes
Minimum elevation:	197 m.a.s.l.
Highest altitude reached:	290 m.a.s.l.
Degree of cyclability:	total
Recommended period:	all year round
Presence of dedicated signage:	yes
Target audience:	for families/bicycle tourists

VANTAGE POINTS

Gorge and the small church of St. Anna.

EATERIES

Bars, restaurants, and stores are present in the small town of Verbania.

INFO POINTS

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CHARGING STATIONS

Lido di Cannobio, private - 28822 CANNOBIO (VB)

Chiesa Traffume, private - 28822 CANNOBIO (VB)

PLACES OF INTEREST

Along the route

Fonte Carlina, Orrido, and Chiesetta di Sant'Anna

Nearby

Porto vecchio, Palazzo della Ragione 13th century, Casa Pironi, Palazzo Omacini, Santuario SS Pietà, Collegiata di San Vittore, ancient church of S. Bartolomeo "in Montibus," Malpaga Castles.