

Ca' San Marco - Black Water Plan

Road access from Bergamo:

Olmo al Brembo, Mezzoldo, road to the pass San Marco
Km. 57

Start of excursion:

Refuge Cà San Marco (1830 m.)

Travelling time:

1^h 30" (a/r)

Height difference:

82 m.

Difficulties:

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Mountain path without significant gradients

Recommended period:

From late spring until autumn in the absence of snow

Water on the route:

NO

Rest stop:

Refuge Cà San Marco Tel: 0345 86222

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Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 18 III S.E. Mezzoldo

Geographical coordinates:

46,0428° N, 9,6269° E

Ca' San Marco is the historic canton house built just below the San Marco Pass from which the 16th-century Strada Priula passed. Designed by Rector Alvise Priuli, Podestà of Bergamo, and built between 1592 and 1593, the Priula connected the Venetian Republic to Valtellina. In addition to its economic importance for the commercial traffic that took place with the Grisons and northern European countries, it was of considerable strategic, political and military importance because it ran entirely through territory controlled by the Serenissima. The road was kept passable even during the winters and the 'Cantoniera' provided hospitality and assistance to travellers and caravans carrying goods. Recently renovated, today it is a beautiful refuge owned by the Province of Bergamo. It is a point of arrival for many excursionists who arrive here by car along the pass road, and a departure point for different destinations for hikers. Arrivati a Ca San Marco si parcheggia l'auto nell'ampio parcheggio davanti al rifugio.



When you arrive at Ca San Marco, park your car in the large car park in front of the refuge.



We pause to look at the information on the semicircular panel.



The path we have to follow starts between two high-tension pylons and goes slightly downhill.



We find ourselves on path 101.



We continue level on the half slope of the mountain.



From the point where we are standing, we have an excellent view of Lake Valmora.



After about 20' we come to a fork in the path and continue to the left.



The stretch is slightly downhill and we follow the signs for the Ponteranica lakes (trail 101). Continue straight on to the Verrobbio pass.



We continue on a slight descent and pass by an old hut.



After a few minutes we reach our destination.



We have arrived at the Black Water Plans.

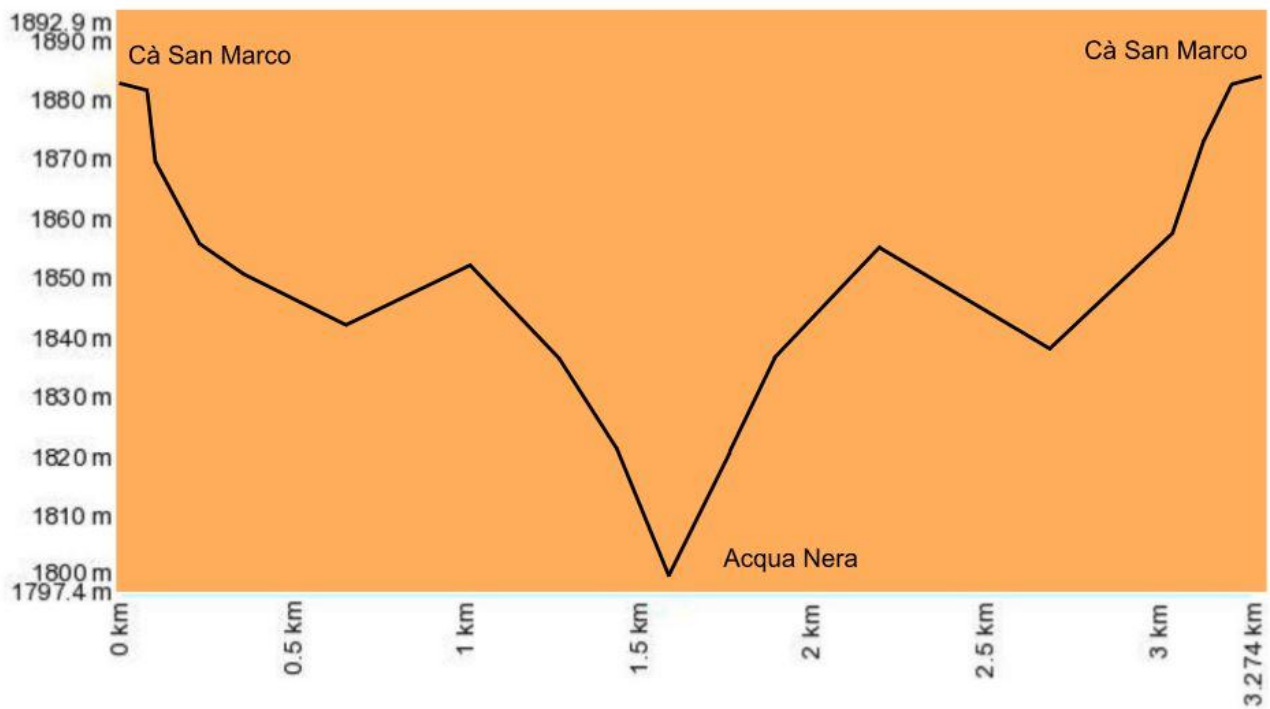


The view sweeps towards the Verrobbio Pass.



We head towards Ca San Marco, from where we started.
We return to the hut by climbing up path 101.

Altimetry



Mappa del percorso

