

# GTL - Grande Traversata delle Langhe - Leg 17: Niella Belbo - San Benedetto Belbo

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**Utilization** Hiking

**Official itinerary** No

**Length** 5.50 km

**Tempo** 1 hour 20 minutes

**Stage** 17

**Ascent elevation gain** 142 m

**Descent elevation loss** 322 m

**Difficulty** Hiking

## INFORMAZIONI

**Region**

Piemonte

**Country**

Italy

**Address**

Niella Belbo  
Località San Giovanni, 1  
12050 Niella Belbo CN  
Italy

**Coordinates** POINT  
(8.087222 44.515056)

**Altitude** 785 m

**Arrival address**

San Benedetto Belbo  
Via della Porta  
12050 San Benedetto Belbo CN  
Italy

**Arrival coordinates** POINT  
(8.057644 44.490494)

**Arrival altitude** 570 m

**Access**

By car, motorways:

A6 – Torino Savona, Marene or Carmagnola exit

A21 – Torino Piacenza, Asti Est exit

A33 – Asti Cuneo, Alba exit

By plane:

Milano Malpensa and Linate – [www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it](http://www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it)

Torino Caselle – [www.aeroportoitorino.it](http://www.aeroportoitorino.it)

Cuneo Levaldigi – [www.aeroporto.cuneo.it](http://www.aeroporto.cuneo.it)

By train:

Ferrovie dello Stato: [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

## Descrizione

*This section, too, which leads to a village that was dear to Beppe Fenoglio's heart, is a part of the Bar to Bar itinerary, so pay close attention to the signage.*

**Niella Belbo** acts as something of a borderline between the realm of hazelnuts and that of the potato (which is the pride and joy of Mombarcaro), but also of note are the area's cheeses, honey, livestock, and ancient grains, which spatter in gold the green of the hazelnut groves.

From the centre of town, head out in the direction of San Benedetto Belbo and continue along the paved road to the marked fork to the left, which then descends and continues as a dirt road until a fork to the left. From here the path descends into the gorge and then, beyond the ford, heads back up into the woods along a flat cart track to the left. This joins up with the paved local highway to the right in the direction of the hamlet of Sant'Anna, where you take the trail to the left along the wall of the first farmhouse. You will head back up for about a hundred metres and then continue on to the hamlet of Scaroni, where you will take the paved road in the direction of San Benedetto Belbo.

**San Benedetto Belbo** is a magical, timeless village transported out of the transience of life (the lost castle, the decaying houses, the monastery that is no more) to the eternity of the great literature by the retiring, solitary genius of Beppe Fenoglio, Italy's greatest author of the post-war era. It is not by chance that the few photos that show Fenoglio smiling are nearly all taken in San Benedetto Belbo, dressed in his Sunday best strolling through the square like an actor on a stage. Indeed, San Benedetto Belbo is now little

more than this, a fly tower in which the author manipulates the characters down below in those streets and in those homes.

**Public transport access** Yes

[Http://Www.grandabus.it/Tpl\\_orari.asp](Http://Www.grandabus.it/Tpl_orari.asp)

## **Recommended period**

Spring Summer Fall

March - November

**Accessible to people with disabilities** No

## **Interest points**

Niella Belbo: Chris Bangle's Big Bench , Tower , French Medieval Arch. San Benedetto Belbo: Old town walls , Monastery of S. Benedetto.

**Devotional relevance** No

**Historical relevance** No

## **DETTAGLI**

**Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference** [ATL Langhe Monferrato Roero](#)

**Code** GTL

**Classification** Provincial - Mid and Low Altitude

**Province**

Cuneo

**Ultima data di aggiornamento** 12/11/2024

## **ALTRE INFO**

Accommodation facilities

[Ca' d' tistu](#)

[Cascina belbo](#)

[Bella niella](#)

[Casa camilla](#)

[I fornelli](#)

**Itinerary index** No

**Province names** Cuneo