

# Grande Traversata delle Langhe in mountain bike - Leg 17: Niella Belbo - San Benedetto Belbo

**Utilization** Cycle touring

Official itinerary No

**Lenght** 5.50 km

**Tempo** 18 minutes

Stage 17

**Ascent elevation gain** 142 m

**Descent elevation loss** 322 m

**Difficulty** Challenging

## **INFORMAZIONI**

Region

**Piemonte** 

Country

Italy

**Address** 

Niella Belbo Località San Giovanni 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-aeroportimilano.it

Torino Caselle - www.aeroportoditorino.it

Cuneo Levaldigi - www.aeroporto.cuneo.it

By train:

Ferrovie dello Stato: 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/

# Recommended period

Spring Summer Fall

March - November

# Accessible to people with disabilities No

# Interest points

Niella Belbo: Chris Bangle's Big Bench, Tower, French Ark San Benedetto Belbo: Town walls, Benedictine Monastery.

**Devotional relevance** Sì

**Historical relevance** Yes

## **DETTAGLI**

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference ATL Langhe Monferrato Roero

Code GTN

**Classification** Provincial

**Province** 

Cuneo

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# **ALTRE INFO**

Accommodation facilities

Ca' d' tistu

Cascina belbo

**Itinerary index** No

Province names Cuneo