

## Route description

### Mombello di Torino/Arignano lake circuit

**First stage** (20 min). Start the walk from the car park in Piazza Mazzini, in the centre of Mombello, and go down the well paved road to the church of Sant'Anna, before continuing along the crest of the hill on a wide unpaved road, with interesting stretches of scenic views across the valley, until reaching the Romanesque church of **San Lorenzo**. The Romanesque apse was recently subjected to restoration work to preserve it. The visitor's gaze can roam from this churchyard over the south western section of the alpine chain and admire a close-up of the ancient village and castle of Arignano.

**Second stage** (45 min). Leave the church and continue along the unpaved road, which starts to descend, after less than fifty metres, towards the left into the valley of the small river of Mombello, then crosses it and climbs up again to the local district of Tetti Chiaffredo. After crossing the main provincial road, an unpaved road runs down towards the artificial basin of Arignano lake. The walk provides a full circle of the lake, with observation points for watching the wealth of birds and animals that inhabit the lake, its banks and the small island at its centre. Bathing is strictly forbidden, because muddy deposits on the bottom of the lake make it extremely dangerous. On the banks belonging to the municipality of Marentino, bird watching points have been set up.

**Third stage** (60 min). After the lake visit, the walk returns, still on unpaved road, to Tetti Chiaffredo, then San Lorenzo and Mombello.

An alternative possibility is the walk that descends to the bottom of the Moglia valley, following a stretch of the Path of don Bosco, to reach the square in Mombello

### Marentino/Andezeno circuit

**First stage** (45 min). This walk starts from the Romanesque church of **Santa Maria**, which the Marentino locals call "St. Mary of the Dead". There is plenty of parking space. Walk for less than fifty metres towards Sciolze, then go down the hill to the left towards the bottom of the valley, as far as the sports field. Carry on along an asphalted stretch of road and after about 500 metres go up the hill on an unpaved road towards Montaldo. Then go downhill again, to the left, towards Andezeno, on a scenic road overlooking the centuries-old oak tree called "Barbarossa's" as far as the Romanesque church of **San Giorgio** in Andezeno.

**Second stage** (45 min). After leaving the church, go down the hill on the asphalt road towards Andezeno and take a well-prepared unpaved road on the left, which runs up the bottom of the valley, alongside Casa Zuccala and passes through the centre of Marentino, where the visitor is asked to solve at least one of the puzzles decorating the houses in the town, before returning to the car park the walk started from.

### Linking the two circuits

There is a pleasant road going from church of Santa Maria in Marentino, and passing through the picturesque little village of Avuglione to reach Tetti Chiaffredo, which forms a link to the first circuit.



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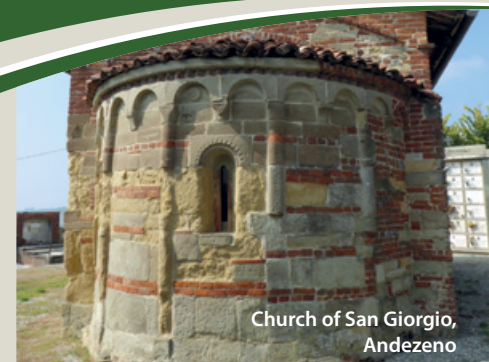
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# Romanesque walk

Mombello di Torino, Andezeno, Marentino

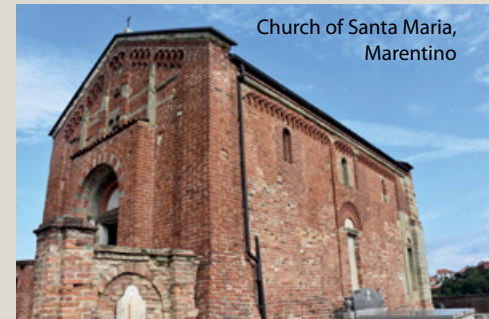
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Church of San Giorgio,  
Andezeno



Municipality of Andezeno



Church of Santa Maria,  
Marentino



Municipality of Marentino



Church of San Lorenzo,  
Mombello di Torino



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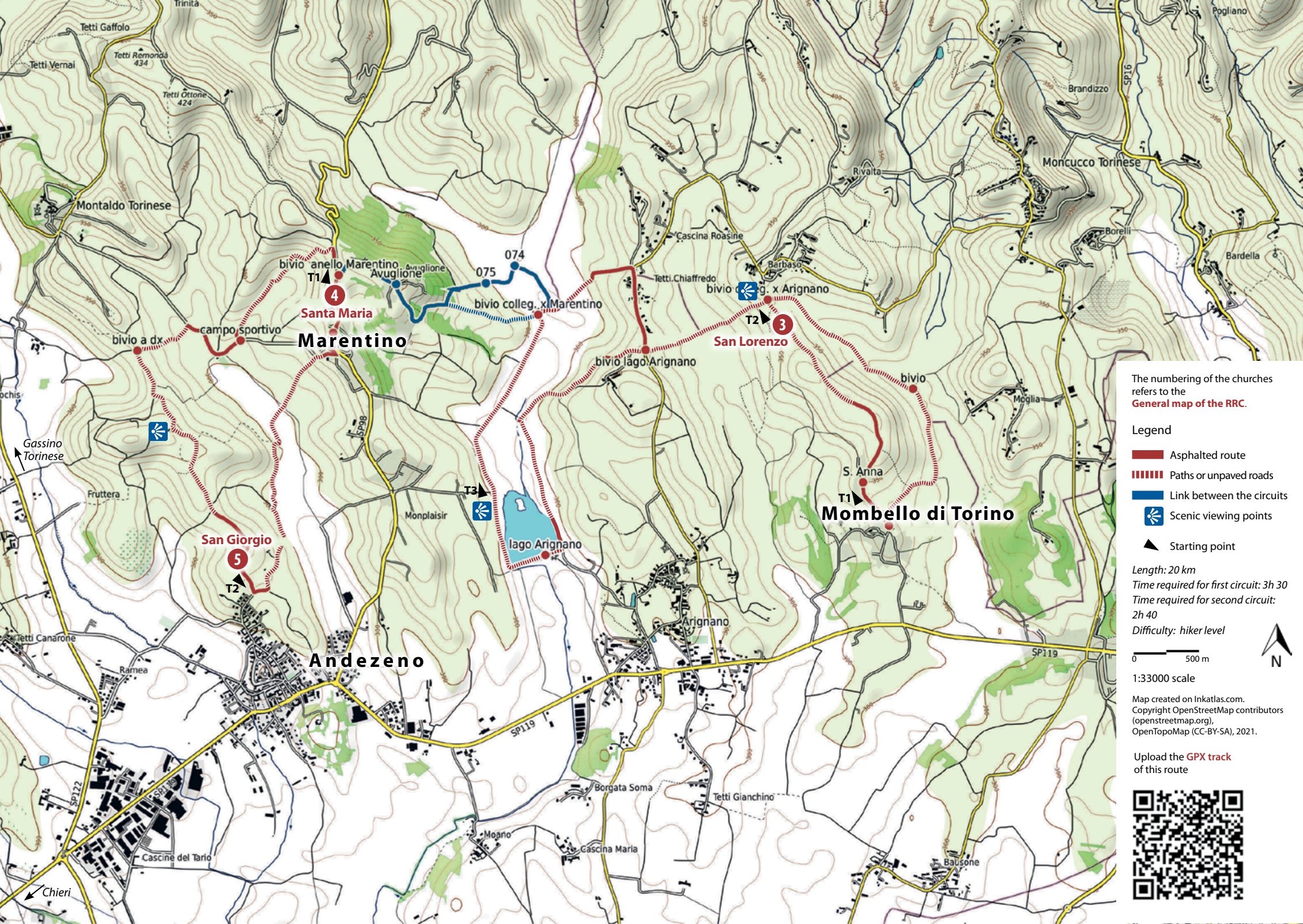


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the river Po and Monferrato



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**Legend**

- Asphalted route
- - - - Paths or unpaved roads
- Link between the circuits
- ⬇ Scenic viewing points
- ▲ Starting point

Length: 20 km  
 Time required for first circuit: 3h 30  
 Time required for second circuit: 2h 40  
 Difficulty: hiker level

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