

Route description

The route from the square in front of the Berzano municipal offices. It continues along via Martiri della Baudina towards via Roma, and then turns right to follow the main road SP16 to Casalborgone. After about 200 metres there is a grassy footpath setting off from the left, which rejoins the SP16 shortly after. Turn right and stay on the main road for 50 metres, before taking another path to the left and following it for about 300 metres. At the end of this path turn right on to the tarmac road leading to a campervan parking area and the cemetery. Walk along the eastern side of the cemetery to reach the road signed Strada di San Giovanni. After about 1 km turn left into a small side road, where there is a wayside shrine. This road passes an old traditional oven, then goes into the woods and goes uphill to the church of **San Giovanni Battista (19)**. This ex-parish and cemetery church stands in a dominating position and still has its Romanesque apse.

After visiting the church, return to the wayside shrine and walk left along Strada di San Giovanni. Shortly after, just past a low building, take a footpath to the right, which goes downhill to a vineyard. When you come to the bottom of the valley turn left on to the local road Strada Valle Gervasio.

Stay on this road, keeping to the right at the next two junctions, towards a farmhouse named Cascina Ghiaia. Immediately after the second junction, just before the road starts going downhill, turn on to a track to the right, at a point where there is a large lamppost. Just beyond a vineyard, there is a short footpath to the left, leading to a circular mound ('Mund' in dialect), kept like a lawn, giving a splendid view of the surrounding landscape. Return to the track and continue uphill to the top of this hill there is a large grassed area on the left, an orchid wood on the right and ahead the (now de-consecrated) church of San Pietro. Follow the path as far as a wayside shrine, then turn left to reach San Pietro. This church has its origins in the middle ages and was a cemetery church until 1950; nearby there is a picnic area and a telescope and from its height of 471 metres asl it provides a spectacular view over the surrounding hills and the Alpine chain. From this point a steep tarmac road takes you back to the village of Berzano.

Short circuit

After leaving the church of San Giovanni, at the bottom of the valley turn left on to the local tarmac road Strada Valle Gervasio. Walk for 200 metres then turn left on to a path going into the **orchid wood**. At the top of the steep path turn right on to the dirt track. After a short distance the church of San Pietro comes into view.

Path connecting with the church of **San Siro (20)**, Casalborgone, distance 3.2 Km.

From the church, go back the way you came 100 meters until you reach the plain, then go straight on the path up through the wood to the north. Arrived at the plateau turn left and go down to the right until you reach "cascina Baudina" after 300 meters. Just before the memorial monument to the fascist massacre of 1945, turn left on to the dirt track and continue to the bottom of the valley. Turn to the left on to the road SP16 and go on to the centre of Casalborgone. This road alternates through wooded stretches then open panoramic views of the surrounding valleys.



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Romanesque walk

Berzano di San Pietro

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Municipality of
Berzano San Pietro



Church of
San Giovanni Battista,
Berzano di San Pietro

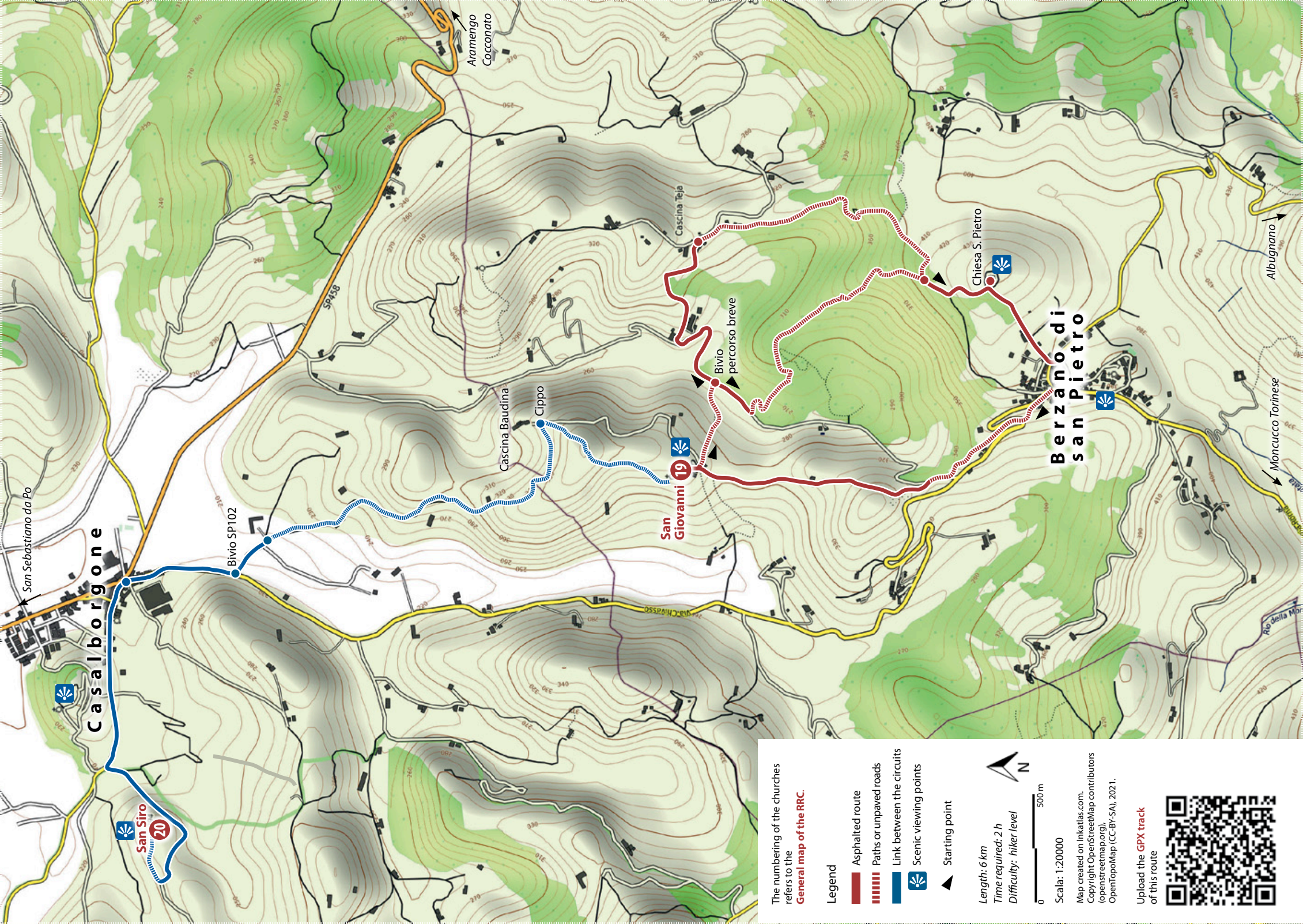


Church of San Siro,
Casalborgone



Abbeys and churches between
the river Po and Monferrato





The numbering of the churches refers to the **General map of the RRC.**

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Length: 6 km
Time required: 2 h
Difficulty: hiker level

0 500 m

Scale: 1:20000

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