

Brunate (715m) – M.Uccellera (1027m) – M. Boletto (1236m) and back

(Note: The difficulty for snowshoes is applicable only to the climb to M. Boletto)

Hesitant for the last heavy rainy days and unable to delay a commitment I decided to postpone an important trip with my friend but as I did not want to "lose" the week I drew a short path, that I (shamefully) did not know, to be done in half a day. I started from Brunate, a look at the snow-capped low peaks suggests me to bring my snowshoes. For an easy mule track I reach the village of St. Maurice while the sky is not entirely clear from the clouds that downloaded again rain in the night. Here, I take the "Strada delle Baite" also known by other names but basically comfortable mule track that serves as a Dorsal Route of Larian Triangle, has 1 as trail sign and joins M. Boletto, M. Bolettone and Capanna Mara and several Bocchette or saddles. I find that it could be crossed by small cars till Baita Boletto though perhaps 4WD but today no one was there, the huts were all closed and the mule track was already covered by enough snow. After Baita Carla I decided to climb Monte Uccellera, a summit unpretentious that I reached with difficulty for the large number of fallen trees and by the shrubs lying on the path. Toccata e Fuga; I go back down immediately. You saw it once and you do not come never back.

The route continues through the woods always equal till Baita Boletto where I have to wear snowshoes. The climb to Monte Boletto starts there and on summer it will be very easy but now, with all the trail to be opened in the snow, with the snowshoes sinking till about 10-15 cm making every step very hard, it was quite challenging. Reached the summit I saw wonderful show, not only on the most famous peaks always photographed but also the ideal continuation of the path, all covered with virgin white snow , perhaps even ephemeral.

Unfortunately my time was "expired" and in any case, to continue would be exhausting if done always in first person!

So I went back with more time and retrace the path to Brunate. There, now I saw the area and far from underestimating these routes I plan to return here, even without snow, and complete the trail at least until the Capanna Mara and M. Cross.

To reach Brunate I suggest the **Funicolare** (<http://www.funicolarecomo.it/>) that is a really comfortable alternative to a very busy winding road.

Travel times:

Brunate – M. Uccellera **0h57'**

M. Uccellera – M.Boletto **1h22'**

M. Boletto – Brunate **1h31'**

Key data:

Real altitude difference **535m**

Total length **11.45 km**

Average ascending slope ab. **8%** ; last part **19%**

Total real time **3h50'** stops included

Estimated time **3h48'**

SLE = **22,4km**