

## **LAGO DI CALDARO**

The shallow basin of Lake Caldaro is part of a former riverbed of the Adige river. Its most important inflow on the surface is the Rio dei Prati brook. Furthermore there are several underwater flows on its northern and western banks. Two ditches drain Lake Caldaro, known as "Kalterer See" in German, "Lago di Caldaro" in Italian. Nowadays, the lake near Caldaro on the South Tyrolean Wine Road is 1.8 km long and 0.9 km wide, comprising an area of about 155 hectares. Its maximum water depth is 5.6 metres. The water temperature, which rises to more than 28 degrees Celsius in summer, makes Lake Caldaro the warmest bathing lake in the Alpine region.

To be precise, the waters of the lake are located at 216 m a.s.l., 4 km north of the village centre of Termeno (Tramin) and 4 km south of the one of Caldaro (Kaltern), the village which gives the lake its name. The hamlet Campi al Lago, however, one of the sunniest places round the lake, is located at its northern shore, while the southern lakeside is characterised by reeds. The biotope, which is home to numerous animal species - especially birds - and represents an important stopover for migratory birds, is situated right there. Also a campground can be found in this part of the lake.

The west and east end are meant for bathing, dogs are not permitted at the lakeside. Public swimming pools with lawns for sunbathing, a new lido and restaurants are as present as a spacious parking area and boat and surfboard rentals. The swimming season - lasting from the beginning of May until September - attracts also many water sports enthusiasts from near and afar. They appreciate the so-called "Ora", a southern breeze coming from Lake Garda at around 1 pm, which is perfect for sailing and windsurfing. Motorboats are not permitted.