

Torrente Comboè

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Valle d'Aosta / Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta **Subregion:** Pollein **Town:** Charvensod

Difficulty: difficult

Grading: v5 a4 III

Total time: 4h12

Approachtime: 2min

Tourtime: 4h

Returntime: 10min

Altitude entry: 1050m

Altitude exit: 700m

Delta Altitude: 350m

Canyon length: 1500m

Highest rapell: 45m

Amount rapells: 20

Transport: Car optional

Rock type:

Drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation: North

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 5 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x50m, 1x35m, 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)

magnificent and very impressive canyon near Aosta. There are several very spectacular abseiling points, one of which is free-hanging. The canyon is cut to a depth, so there is a fresh breeze below the waterfalls.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

Valley: Coming from Turin via the highway, take the Aosta Est exit, reach the village of Pollein, turn left towards Roulaz/Felinaz, drive above the hamlet of Saint-Bénin along the torrent to a parking lot on the left (the road is then closed). The 45 m high waterfall can be seen from the parking lot.

Uphill: Take the SR19 regional road to Aosta and turn left towards Pila (SR18). Drive uphill to kilometer 5 + 500 at the junction to Rivierer Dessous, small road on the left, continue to the bridge over the Comboè torrent.

Approach:

Tour: (machine translated)

About 20 waterfalls, first part well equipped, in the second part the equipment could be improved and it is sometimes necessary to use the same ropes for several jumps.

Commitment

First way out at a rockfall in the first part.

Second possible exit at the soiled pool (see comments).

Period/ water character

August-September.

Estimate the amount of water well, as some waterfalls become problematic when there is a lot of water. Don't forget that a withdrawal above the lower parking lot causes a large part of the actual water volume to disappear, so check well above!

Historical overview

First ascent M. Rivadossi and S. Zipponi (08/1998)

Remarks

In the first third of the canyon there is a small siphon in a basin on the right, which can be overcome by an opposition.

The final 45 m waterfall is characterized by a first inclined part where all the water collects in a chute that is abruptly interrupted by a vertical. A few steps without leaving the ropes to reach the second watered part.

Return: (machine translated)

After a few minutes of walking through the canyon, you will reach the hydraulic structure indicating the exit. Use the metal ladders to reach the path.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [45.7130 7.3510](#)

Canyon End [45.7205 7.3483](#)

Parking at Exit [45.7247 7.3481](#)

Parking at Entry [45.7125 7.3509](#)

Reports:

2020-09-28 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 | ⚓ | 🌊 High | 👍 Completed

A fascinating canyon. Impressive high water marks. Better for guided rappel. 2 ropes of 60 m each. Anchoring different. Video of the tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-ZeOOHvzZw> Photos and GPS tracks:

<https://www.christian-balla.de/Comboe> (machine translated)

First descent: 01.08.1998 by M. Rivadossi et S. Zipponi