# Mengasca

Valle Mengasca

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Lombardia Subregion: Sondrio Town: Samulaco		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a4 IV	Total time: 4h55
Approachtime: 1h15	Tourtime: 3h30	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 570m	Altitude exit: 320m	Delta Altitude: 250m
Canyon length: 1100m	Highest rapell: 55m	Amount rapells: 13
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: 🖈 3.9 (6)	Info: 🖈 2.5 (4)	<b>Belay: ★</b> 2.3 (3)

# Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 1x60m, 2x30m

**Summary:** (machine translated)

Watery rappel canyon

### **Hydrology:**

Access: (machine translated)

From Chiavenna, head south on the SS 36 towards Lecco. After about 6 km we have just passed the village of San Cassiano and turn right at the end of the village onto the SP 19 towards Samolaco. We head west, cross the Fiume Mera, keep straight on after the bridge into the district of San Pietro (in the municipality of Samolaco) and reach the road bridge over the Torrente Mengasca via Via Tonnaia. Here, where you can also check the water flow, park the lower vehicle.\nWith the second car, head south up the mountainside, following the signs for Monastero. After about 1.5 km, the tarred road exits (410 m above sea level) and we park the second car in a suitable place near the chapel.

## **Approach:** (machine translated)

We now follow the path on foot to the mountain huts of Motto dei Damini. This initially heads NNW, then turns SW and finally heads towards the Mengasca valley.

From the Motto dei Damini mountain huts (670m a.s.l.), continue along the trail, climbing slightly to the SSW (black plastic pipe in the ground) until you reach the next stream cut. 20m further on - path now on the edge of the slope - down to the right, always following the red markings into the streambed.

If you do not have a second vehicle available for this conversion, you can also climb up the orographic right-hand slope of the Mengasca. The initial path loses itself in the forest and we ascend without a path until we reach the path to Alpe Motto dei Damini. Turn right here and continue as described above (access from below approx. 2 hours).

### **Tour:** (machine translated)

A sequence of beautiful abseils, interrupted by short walks and downclimbs. The C 55 in the wide beam is impressive. However, this can also be rappelled approx. 10m around the corner (cross rappel), then there are still 46m to go.

#### **Return:** (machine translated)

After the last rappel into the swimming pools in the streambed, descend a little, then turn right out onto the slope and down to the car.

#### Coordinates:

Canyon End <u>46.2569 9.3761</u>
Canyon Start <u>46.2528 9.3661</u>
Parking at Entry <u>46.2547 9.3792</u>
Parking at Exit <u>46.2599 9.3796</u>
Waterlevel Checkpoint <u>46.2600 9.3796</u>

### Reports:

2025-06-19 | Lieke Smulders |  $\diamondsuit \Leftrightarrow \diamondsuit \Leftrightarrow | \square \Leftrightarrow \bigstar | \clubsuit \Leftrightarrow | \Longrightarrow$  Normal |  $\spadesuit$  Completed

Very dangerous last part of the approach, very exposed (Do not recommend after rain!). due to trees that have fallen it is more difficult to access canyon. Canyon it self is amazing and beautiful! Anchors are "self made" mono points but are ok! Very fun rappelling canyon with some small jumps possible after checking!

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Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca Un canyon sous côté, des belles sections. L'équipement RAS, les cordes fixes d'aide vers le grand rappel commencent à fatiguer. On a resserré les maillons et qq goujons. Le plus dur c'est de trouver l'approche :-D heureusement j'ai retrouvé mon commentaire de 2019 avec la description exacte - toujours d'actualité. Après le petit "hameau" motto del Damini, on remonte la pente après avoir dépassé les maisons (ruines). On monte la pente dans les fougères pour retrouver une sente une dixaine de mètres plus haut qui suit un tuyau noir. On suit le tuyau et juste avant son captage (gros bidon bleu) - a peu près 20m avant - on peut desescalader soit poser une corde autour d'un arbre (6-7m - point GPS: 46.25148N 9.36626E) on traverse à flanc un peu à gauche et on retrouve les points rouges. J'ai tracé cette partie en gps si besoin! Et sinon pour la suite regardez mon commentaire de 2019 ?????. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html)

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2023-08-02 | Inga |  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\hookrightarrow} \stackrel{\wedge}{\hookrightarrow} \stackrel{\wedge}{\hookrightarrow} \stackrel{\wedge}{\hookrightarrow} | \square \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow} \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow} | \stackrel{\wedge}{\circlearrowleft} \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow} \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow} | \stackrel{\approx}{\Longrightarrow} \text{Normal } | \stackrel{\wedge}{\multimap} \text{Completed}$ 

Approach: Danger of falling rocks on the descent!!! Helmet on and watch out for following groups! The key point at the beginning of the descent can be bypassed by rappelling down the birch tree on the path (no rockfall there yet). Otherwise beautiful gorge. Hooks i.O. Good grip (machine translated)

2023-08-01 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏻 ★ ★ | 🗗 ★ ★ | 🏯 Normal | 🖒 Completed

Almost all hooks are self-made, but solid rings and the lug is double drilled. High jump about 13m from prominent jammed rock perfectly doable. (machine translated)

2023-04-03 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 🖈 🛊 | 🗘 | | 🤛 Not done

Coordinates adjusted. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏳 | 🕹 | |

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-

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2021-09-30 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🎞 | 📛 | 🧮 Normal | 🖒 Completed

The Mengasca canyon begins with a very challenging access, despite the parking lot. From the parking lot to the junction to Motto dei Damini, the trail climbs steadily uphill on a very good hiking trail, followed by a good path with no significant difference in altitude. From Motto dei Damini you have a beautiful view towards the valley, the path is easy to miss from here but is regularly marked with red dots. The descent is steep in places - the path is challenging and the use of canyoning ropes is recommended in at least one place. After 1 to 1 1/2 hours you reach the entry point. The canyon is very beautiful and great fun, but also has several technically demanding key points. The highlight is the 55 meter high waterfall. Video of the tour with topographical details: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICd2F2iFv5A (machine translated)