

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: gneiss	Drainage area: 7.50km ²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.9 (7)	Info: ★ 2.4 (5)	Belay: ★ 2.3 (4)
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. With 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 [46.2569 9.3761](#)

Canyon Start [46.2528 9.3661](#)

Parking at Entry [46.2547 9.3792](#)

Parking at Exit [46.2599 9.3796](#)

Waterlevel Checkpoint [46.2600 9.3796](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.2434 9.3522](#)

Reports:

2025-09-05 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca High water flow 250 l/s. Equipement in place allowed to descent in these conditions. The last part of the path to the canyon is tricky. 2 hours 15 minutes descent with a strong team (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html>)

2025-09-01 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Crazy |❤️ Not done

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca 11h: +-300l/sec (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html>)

2025-08-23 | Clarissa Linder | ⭐⭐⭐⭐ |📖⭐|📍⭐|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Last part of the access: after the houses, follow the trail upwards to a chute, immediately after the first gulch follow the steep tracks downwards, cross the second small gulch, then follow the red dots (poorly visible) on the trees downwards. There are also cairns in places. Anchors all ok. At the highest rappel, either rappel directly in the watercourse, or climb up the handrail and rappel from there (partly in the water) - from this stand, the intermediate stand can also be reached "in fall line" (it does not need 2 deviations, as described in the book). (machine translated)

2025-08-18 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca On a suivi les indications de SCV (cf commentaire débit) pour la marche. 1h45 depuis le bas bien chargés (affaires dégoûlantes de la veille). Très glissant. Équipement ok. Bien joli. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html>)

2025-08-12 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca Lovely canyon! Well worth doing. The final part of the approach is tricky to navigate. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html>)

2025-06-19 | Lieke Smulders | ⭐⭐⭐⭐ |📖⭐⭐⭐|📍⭐|🌊 Normal |👍 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!

2024-08-29 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca Alvaro Canyon (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html>)

2024-08-29 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

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 dizaine 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 | ⭐⭐⭐⭐ |📖⭐⭐|📍⭐⭐⭐|🌊 Normal |👍 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)

First descent: 21.08.1996 by P. Van Duin e L. Rucci