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:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 7.50km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (5)

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 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:

2026-10-06 | Alfredcanyon | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Not spectacular, but still a valid alternative when you can't do the bodengo... Some very nice waterfalls

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2026-07-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca approche : infos SVC parfaites. Petite modif.Ne pas désescalader le bloc de 2m sous gros arbre.1h10 d'approche (35 min hameau + 35min sente, désescalade et descente raide Descente 3h15RMarche retour : arrivée en bas dans le village, il faut emontet à pied jusqu'au parking amont à Monastero en 20/30minTotal rotation sans navette 5h30Descente : jolie descente. Attention roche glissante dans tous le canyon. Grands rappels très esthétiques, belle roche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html)

2026-07-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mengasca Beau canyon, rappels et sauts attention très glissant. Avec un peu de marche cacablock. Cependant la marche d'approche n'est vraiment pas adapté pour des debutants et compter bien 1h20. Le sentier de départ est bon mais dès l'arrivée au village abandonné bien gardé la trace gps en main. La sente mériterai d'être protégée.Présence de taons également. Réalisé à 4 autonomes en 1h30. Sur le grand rappel, prendre le relais le plus a droite qui permet de descendre directement sur le relais de la 55/60m (plus facilement accessible)Sinon RAS (équipement atypique mais relier par 2 poins tout de même. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22463/observations.html)

2026-07-02 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The access is hard to find past the houses. Eventually, you'll spot the red dots and the cairns (see photo from the GPS map). Unusual anchors, but all in good condition. Long rappel with an intermediate belay (old access rope visible about 5 m from the top) -> Then another 40–45 m. Generally very slippery. A few small jumps are possible. All high jumps have been filled in with gravel. Due to the access and the fact that it's so slippery, it's not really recommended. (machine translated)

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 dégoulinantes 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

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