Variola inf

Gola di Variola inferiore,Dagliano

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Bognanco		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 720m	**Altitude exit:** 500m	**Delta Altitude:** 220m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 13.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (3)

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 1x50m, 1x45m

Summary: (machine translated)
Attractive rappel canyon - beware! The AIC advises against climbing the lower part due to the water catchments.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Domodossola, drive west into the Bogna Valley toward Bognanco. After about 7 km, you'll come to a long bridge (at the end of the bridge, you can see the final cascade of the Variola). Coming from Domodossola, park your car on the right at the start of the bridge behind the guardrails; there is space for a maximum of 3 cars. (As of August 2026, you can no longer park at the former parking lot at the exit of the bridge—near the old bridge that crosses the Variola River).
Take the second car and drive about 2 km further to the village of Bognanco di Fonti. Here, park near a bridge; immediately behind it, on the right, a hiking trail branches off toward Monsignore/Monteossolano.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail and soon cross the Rio Rasiga. You then reach the small hamlet of Monsignore. Cross it and continue right towards Monteossolano until you come to a beautiful old bridge over the Variola. This is the entry point. If you only have one car available, you can walk 400 m from the bridge at the exit on the road, then turn right at an acute angle and enter the village of Messasca. From here, a somewhat overgrown path leads uphill in a northerly direction. Follow this to the path coming from Bognanco and walk along it to the right to the old stone bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the first rappel under the bridge follows an entertaining descent, which culminates in a 35 m - chute with a long pool. Towards the exit some nice slides and jumps. Since Aug. 2010 the ascent of the Variola inferiore was forbidden, because in the course of a controlled water supply there was an accident with 2 deaths. Although an ascent is now allowed again (see above), the Variola superiore remains the most attractive alternative.

Return: (machine translated)
Pass under the old and new road bridge and then in Torrente Bogna turn right (upstream) to the exit on the road.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1256 8.2247
Canyon End 46.1208 8.2264
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1210 8.2257

Reports:

2026-09-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) The R35 is strong, even at normal flow. Great fun, done after the upper part. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2026-08-31 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
We climbed the Superiore and Inferiore today. The lower section is definitely the more challenging of the two. The 35-meter rappel shouldn’t be underestimated—it’s quite a workout even on standard rope. Plus, reaching the chain anchor is a bit of a hassle (taller people have an advantage ;-)). Otherwise, all in all, it’s a nice route for fairly athletic climbers if you do both sections. We moved quickly and, including the access to the “superiore,” the boulder hopping in between, and the “inferiore,” it took us 6:45. (machine translated)

2026-07-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) La C35 tabasse pas mal avec le débit actuel qui reste bas pour la saison d'après un local. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2026-06-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) Fait après la partie amont. A peine plus d'eau que sur la photo repaire de Yelsub de 2007. La C35 passe bien, elle est plus impressionnante d'en haut que dedans. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2026-06-19 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
A beautiful, challenging water level. Very slippery, but otherwise everything is wonderful. (machine translated)

2025-08-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) Pollué (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2024-08-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) Enchaîné après le sup. Passage dans la faille magnifique, DC++ pour ce passage. Beaucoup d'attente à cause d'un groupe d'italiens devant nous... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2024-01-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) DC+Les points installés sont assez haut perchés pour les petits modèlesEquipement tout okCanyon glissant mais vraiment esthétique, qui mériterait une meilleure noteChemin retour ok en remontant la rivière comme indiqué puis pris à droite au kern (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2020-08-08 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
New chain for rappel guidé on the C35, at the bottom left a few meters after both stems. For rappel guidé, a 50-meter rope is required for guiding and at least 45 meters for rappel. On the C35, 30m ropes are probably sufficient for normal rappels (without rappel guidé) if the belayer on the edge is upgraded to a rappel anchor. Video of the tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhEJpjC35Uc (machine translated)

Parts:
Variola sup, v4 a4 IV, 1h20+4h10+30min
Variola inf, v4 a4 III, 50min+3h+10min