Casenda

Valle Casenda,Torrente Casenda

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Casenda		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 III	**Total time:** 5h50
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 5h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 800m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 520m
Canyon length: 1400m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 28
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 6.50km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (16)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (15)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (15)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x60m/ 1x50m

Summary: (machine translated)
The upper part of the canyon carries more water; a water diversion starts halfway through; high rappelling points in the stream; be careful during rope retrival (it can get stuck!); exposed belay stations (technically challenging); beautiful views; clear water; exit or entry point at the water diversion. Long hike along the stream bed between the two interesting sections.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Ticket machine for private road (€3.50—the machine does not give change!):
https://maps.app.goo.gl/G9uytogucFjvXYGb6?g_st=aw

From Domaso (Camping Solarium), drive toward Chiavenna --> before and after the village of Novate Mezzola, you can turn left toward the village of Cassenda --> on the southern outskirts of Cassenda, you'll find a bridge crossing the stream (Exit) --> there are several parking options here --> take the second car back into town, where a mountain road leads up to the left toward Paiedo (There's also a road leading up from the next village, Era. This one is better signposted and branches off above the cemetery) --> Once you've found the road, it winds through several switchbacks to the cluster of houses in Paiedo (886 m elevation) --> small parking lot on the left. If you only want to hike the lower section (second half) of the canyon, turn left onto the gravel path (loc. Cusciago) visible from the road before reaching the village of Paiedo --> this path soon leads to the drainage channel (approx. 600Hm).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot you go flat in the direction of the church --> then further to the right --> through the village --> past the fountain and the last houses, the path leads downhill --> at the fork in the road you keep to the left and reach the stream shortly --> entry at about 800Hm.

Tour: (machine translated)
The entire canyon is very demanding and varied --> it should therefore necessarily also check the water level for the upper part --> has reached the stream at about 860Hm follows an approx. 200m long walking passages with some steps (these can be downclimbed) --> only now you meet the first rappelling point --> without walking and with a wonderful view into the valley, several rappelling points in the water follow --> after the spectacular cascade there is a longer walking and downclimbing section --> the high rock passage can be skillfully downclimbed --> in the middle of the canyon there is a dam wall/water drainage --> here you would have at approx. 640Hm you have an exit or entry possibility --> follow the mostly overgrown path on the left side of the creek to the next artificial step (abseil on the right) --> the 2nd step is on the right side of the creek. The second half of the canyon begins with a short walking passage and a beautiful view, before it suddenly becomes more vertical --> from a large rock you rappel down into the very beautiful and deeply cut part of the canyon --> several rappels follow in the water course before it becomes more open again --> after a short downclimb there is a high rappel that can be divided left --> enclosed by the high rock walls, rappels (from large clamping blocks) and short walking passages alternate in breathtaking surroundings (Attention! Rope jamming) --> at the last rappel is a small water drainage (pump) --> now the canyon opens again --> the next steps can be rappelled left carefully --> at about 280Hm you are back in the shallow streambed before the bridge (exit).

Return: (machine translated)
After the last rappelling point, go back to the bridge (parking lot) on the left side of the stream along the gravel path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2261 9.3823
Canyon End 46.2303 9.3998
Parking at Entry 46.2301 9.3830
Parking at Exit 46.2308 9.4034
Alternative Canyon End 46.2278 9.3886
Unknown 46.2464 9.3952

Reports:

2026-08-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Casenda Passait alors que les niveaux étaient haut ailleur.Fait en intermédiaire au casse crue en 5h à 5. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22009/observations.html)

2026-07-26 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very slippery right now! Jumps and slides are possible. (machine translated)

2026-07-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Casenda Une gorge impressionnante avec de nombreux points de descente en rappel. Malheureusement, la plupart des ancrages sont placés de telle sorte qu'on descend très loin de l'eau. L'équipe chargée du renouvellement de l'équipement s'est contentée d'installer les nouveaux ancrages à côté des anciens, sans repenser au tracé de la ligne de descente. Au niveau de la descente en rappel haute, les deux longueurs individuelles mesurent chacune plus de 40 mètres. Des cordes de 40 mètres ne suffisent absolument pas !Il semble qu'il n'y ait pas de point de puisage d'eau au niveau des marches artificielles.Aux endroits où la roche est mouillée, elle est extrêmement glissante.Ce parcours est lui aussi actuellement infesté de taons. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22009/observations.html)

2026-07-04 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Unfortunately, most of the rappelling points have been drilled on dry rock, far from the watercourse. It's a shame that the people who installed the new equipment simply placed the adhesive chains directly over the same spots where the old anchors used to be. A little foresight would have greatly enhanced the canyoning experience. We couldn't detect any difference in water volume between the upper and lower sections. The wet rock is mostly very slippery. At the highest drop, 40 meters of ropes is definitely not enough; BOTH sections are significantly longer, at least 45 meters. The area is infested with horseflies. You can't tackle the canyon without getting bitten. (machine translated)

2026-06-12 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
All sections are in great shape; rapids and jumps are doable. A beautiful canyon! (machine translated)

2026-06-11 | Eric | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
"Super Canyon had a high water flow today following the rains from the day before yesterday. It's still very beautiful and challenging, perfect for our UIMGA Mountain Guide course with a specialization in canyoning." (machine translated)

2026-05-16 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
We equipped the big waterfall at the start. Sequence goes 1 bolt left 8m down to 2 bolts left 55m down. Next waterfall 1 bolt right 20m. Then down climb 2 more waterfalls. Classic tour all bolts good! Definetly nice trip after the water intake. (machine translated)

2025-09-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Casenda In the upper part was there quite some water, but nothing difficult. After the dam, normal flow. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22009/observations.html)

2025-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Casenda Tutto ok. 3h à 4. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22009/observations.html)

2025-08-23 | Daniela Rossi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Easy to walk. The exposed stand in front of the high rappel is easy to reach if you cross the water jet a little below and then climb up again for about 1.5 meters. This may require strong nerves as you have a lot of air underneath you. (machine translated)

2025-08-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Casenda During the Womens Canyoning; nice canyon with two divers sections; I agree with Cathy. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22009/observations.html)

Parts:
Val Piccola, v4 a4 III, 40min+1h45+
Casenda, v5 a3 III, 15min+5h30+5min

First descent: 03.09.1994 by Parte bassa: P. Van Duin e M. Gentili. Parte alta e bassa: P. Van Duin, M. Crottogini, A. Colombo e G. Monti il 25/08/2001