Ferraia

Rio Ferraia,Fosso Ferraia

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Liguria **Subregion:** Imperia **Town:** Aquila d'Arroscia		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 II	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 1h
Altitude entry: 770m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 130m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.7 (3)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x35m

Summary: (machine translated)
Forest canyon with beautiful rappel

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
We leave the A-10 (Genoa - Ventemiglia) at the Albenga exit, drive a few hundred meters in the direction of Albenga and then turn onto the SS-453 in the direction of Borghetto d'Arroscia, Pieve di Teco.
After 16 km and a tunnel, you reach the village of Ranzo, where you turn right off the SS-453 and head up to Aquila d'Arroscia (495 m). Cross the village and at the end take the road to the left towards Levarone.
If the ascent is via Levarone, the turn-off is before Aquila d'Arroscia. At this junction, 200 m northwest of Aquila d'Arroscia, the road climbs towards Caprauna to a saddle (828 m) with a chapel and information board (showing the circular route to be used on the way back). Follow the road for about 2.5 km until you come to a large open area to the right of the road. We park the car here.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, a dirt road descends and leads us to the streambed below a smaller reservoir. 100 m further downstream is the entry.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the 30 m rappel you could get out. A relatively open forest gorge follows without any particular high points ("for collectors"). 7 m/30 m/9 m/14 m/10 m/6 m/10 m/9 m/7 m/exit/25 m/5 m (if necessary 25 + 5 m reascending on the ropes)

Return: (machine translated)
After the 7 m rappel, there is a 3 m rappel and a 3 m slide before the stream flattens out. A brick path runs down the rock face on the right (possibly an ascent route?). After approx. 50 m, exit to the right onto a forest path.
If you want to take the last two rappels down into the riverbed of the Pennavaira, you have to accept the re-ascent on the rope, as there is no exit (in the foreseeable future) downstream via the Pennavaire. According to the description at Geuna, Ruotolo, however, there is an exit if you walk a few meters upstream along the Pennavaira. From the marked exit, follow the forest path along the Pennavaira downstream. Where it drops more steeply after a basically flat course, the aforementioned hiking trail ascends to the right. We kept to the right under the rock face (maybe better left?). The path continues for a few hundred meters in the direction of Rio Lerca. Where it turns downwards (this would probably be the quicker ascent option - from the exit point on the brick path under the rock face directly up the right bank of the Ferraia? see description at Geuna, Ruotolo), we climbed straight ahead onto the rib and up this without difficulty until we reached the little road.
Turn right on the road and after a few hundred meters to the parking lot

Coordinates:
Canyon End 44.1111 7.9772
Canyon Start 44.1061 7.9751
Parking at Entry 44.1035 7.9752
Parking at Exit 44.1084 7.9798

Reports:

2026-09-04 | Elias Eberl | ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
I was alone today, so I didn't do a recce. Based on the description, the start and finish points don't seem very practical. I'd drive to Alto and park there. Then walk to the entry—it takes longer, but it's an easy walk. From the described exit, continue down to the Rio Pennavaire and then further down the gorge. After a few hundred meters, exit to the left or continue to the bridge. A stream hike with some very beautiful pools. (machine translated)

2026-06-14 | MirkoT | |🕮 |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Warning. The dam immediately upstream of the Ferraia River has been put back into operation. There is obviously a risk of flash floods. (Goa Canyoning)
https://www.ilsecoloxix.it/imperia/2026/06/12/news/imperia_pronta_diga_ferraia_garantira_energia_pulita_turismo-15655839/ (machine translated)

2025-08-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferraia Suite à la vidange du barrage, le canyon est absolument impraticable, il y a un mètre de boue,de vase partout, l'eau est marron foncé, comme dans les sables mouvants des films. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21281/observations.html)

2025-05-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferraia L'eau n'est pas très propre, c'est étrange parce qu'il n'y a rien en amont. Amarrages en bon état. Il y a une variante bien plus courte que le retour décrit sur la fiche : à la fin, remonter rive droite et arriver sur une piste qu'on prend vers la droite jusqu'à revenir au canyon. Suivre ensuite la canalisation jusqu'à récupérer le chemin balisé. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21281/observations.html)

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2024-08-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferraia Débit correct. Canyon sympa. A noter pas mal de MC. Fini avant la 20 m finale qui présente peu d'intérêt, retour facile par le chemin comme indiqué dans le topo. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21281/observations.html)

2024-06-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-04-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferraia Ras quelles branches qui traînent dans deux rappels. Roches glissantes. Amarrages ras. On n'a pas fait la 20m pour faire le retour sans avoir trop froid. Neige sur les montagnes en face. Pour le retour suivre les indications dans le descriptif. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21281/observations.html)

2023-03-09 | System User | ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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