Piane inf

Rio delle Piane inferiore ,Croso di Strienghi,Rio di Strienghi

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Vercelli **Town:** Fobello		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 II	**Total time:** 2h25
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1310m	**Altitude exit:** 1170m	**Delta Altitude:** 140m
Canyon length: 400m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 7.00km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:** 10-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (17)	**Info:** ★ 1.8 (12)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (15)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x70m + 1×50m

Summary:
Nice aquatic and vertical route; never overly complex, though it features short sections requiring caution during periods of high water flow. Cold water all year round.

Hydrology:

Access:
From Varallo, take the Val Mastallone road and follow it to Fobello, then continue to the end of the road near Santa Maria, where you leave it at the last parking lot (la Gazza)

Approach:
From the parking there are two paths; follow the one on the left (515 CAI), which almost runs alongside the Mastallone stream, passing through a pretty village. Then, cross a bridge over the Mastallone and go up the Piane valley. After a 15-minute climb, you'll find a hut on the right, continue until the valley levels out, then descend a few meters from the path to the stream. 20 min.

Tour:
The start is on the flat riverbed with a few boulders, then the stream narrows, you find C6 (right) (single point), then C10 (perhaps toboggan, right), toboggan 4m. You arrive at the highest and more technical waterfall: MC7 (left, single point) leads to the C17 left, narrow passage where it is difficult to stand upright, then C30 left under a horsetail waterfall.
-This sequence, in cases of high water flow, is avoidable with a long handrail on the left, which leads to C30 left (partially out of the water flow)-
Then C7 (left, single point), C18 (right, possible dry toboggan on the right), C10 (left), MC from tree (right) with subsequent relay C23 (right, turbulent pool)+C15 (left, narrow).
then final C5 (left, single point, possible jump) and you arrive at the confluence with the Mastallone.

Return:
You continue in the riverbed for 2 min. then exit on the left, to the pretty village of "Campo" and the car park (5 min.)

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.9090 8.1215
Canyon End 45.9117 8.1264
Parking Entry and Exit 45.9118 8.1303

Reports:

2026-09-27 | Herbert von Neumann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
With the new abseils is even better Low water, cold

2026-09-03 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The water route on the highest rappel is very beautiful. Don’t underestimate the force of the water in the narrowest sections. The “normal” flow rate of this stream is quite high, and the current is quite strong. On the last rappel, we removed the severely damaged chain, which was no longer usable. The new anchors on the left bank are also exposed to flooding—> after heavy storms, it’s always a good idea to come prepared with the proper gear. (machine translated)

2026-09-01 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The water flow has returned to normal for this dry season... the 30-meter waterfall is very beautiful; in the first section, you pass under the torrent rushing down from the gully, which falls a few meters further down and slaps at you... the pool below poses no problems because the current pushes you out. The other circular pool toward the end has a strong backwash, but you can get out easily. (machine translated)

2026-07-24 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We were pleasantly surprised. The water level in this canyon is low right now. The drive into this valley alone is worth the trip. Thank you very much for the two new canyon stands (there was still some drilling dust on them). (machine translated)

2026-07-20 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
The large waterfall at the start of the lower section has finally been equipped while the water is flowing; now, when the flow allows it, you can enter the gully. The sequence is: MC 7 left + C17 left + C30 left For the start of the handrail section, use the first anchor point on the long traverse that was previously equipped. A second anchor point has also been added to the final rappel. (machine translated)

2026-06-27 | Herbert von Neumann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Only the lower section... with this high flow, it’s challenging if you get caught in the current... but it can be avoided almost everywhere... we decided to enter the final turbulent pool using the middle right anchor. Normally, at this time of year, it’s impassable... it’s been a dry year in the valley (machine translated)

2025-09-26 | Matteo Delfitto | |🕮 |⚓ | | 👍 Completed
https://www.gulliver.it/itinerari/piane-rio-delle/ Coordinates Upper entrance: 45.9107500, 8.1119462 Lower input: 45.9089761, 8.1215475 Output: 45.9117195, 8.1263547 V4A4III Recommended strings: 1x70m + 1×50m (machine translated)

2025-09-18 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Traversed only the lower part of the canyon, the most continuous, 8 rappels with max. 30 m vertical. Recommended because it skips the long walk between boulders and shortens the approach to 15 min. For this part the access is, climbing into the Piane valley, just after a small hut that is next to the trail, on the right. When the gully opens enter by an easy track into the flat bed. Replaced the last belay that was destroyed with a single point to the left, you can now enter the schooner without problems. (machine translated)

2025-09-02 | Herbert von Neumann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Abseil outside the last 2 waterfalls to avoid the broken fix, 40/45 m (machine translated)

2025-08-21 | Alfredcanyon | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The description a bit intimidating, in fact the canyon is not that technical... Completed only the lower section cause It seems an obvious access, and in order to avoid the flat part. As other people have said, the last anchor is damaged. Anyway good acquatic start for our trip!

2025-08-09 | Giovanni Buti | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Came here looking for some peace from RIC and indeed in this area there is no one. Easy parking at the end of the road then a half hour/40 min. climb on the only trail in the valley (from the parking lot take the one below that passes between the Alpe Campo meadows and then with a bridge immediately crosses the Mastallone) Entrance going down into the meadow (on the opposite side a shepherd's hut), immediately 4 rappels and then a long walk between boulders to the final gorge with 8 more rappels (more beautiful this one than the upper). One of these is doable on the right also as a toboggan. Last belay put very bad we concatenated the last 2 rappels in a single 50

Parts:
Piane sup, v3 a2 II, 1h+50min+35min
Piane int, v3 a3 II, 50min+1h+20min
Piane inf, v4 a4 II, 20min+2h+5min

First descent: 29.08.2014 by CAI Varallo