Val Maggiore (supérieur)

Rio Maggiore,Maggiore

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Belluno **Town:** Quantin		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 IV	**Total time:** 3h10
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 745m	**Altitude exit:** 560m	**Delta Altitude:** 185m
Canyon length: 1800m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 5.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (6)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon with lots of climbing and longer walking passages. Can also be done with just one vehicle.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
11 km northeast of Belluno is Ponte nelle Alpi. Here, south of the road bridge, turn off the SS 51 over the Piave toward Quantin and go up about 9 km to Quantin. Park the upper vehicle in the large parking lot between the church and Rio Maggiore.

Park the lower vehicle at the houses of La Secca at the NW exit of Lago di Santa Croce. You can get there on the SS 51 from Ponte nelle Alpi (from the bridge 7 km).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot in Quantin on the dirt road on the orographic left bank of the Rio Maggiore in a southerly direction, past a washing fountain to the bridge. Get in here (5 min.).

There are also several possibilities to get on a little further down, in the area of the most interesting passages. To do this, park at the bridge near Cornolade Alte and hike briefly up a hairpin bend. At the next rightward haipin bend, turn left and take a good path along the edge of the gorge. The first rope-secured descent reaches the gorge just above the large siphon (15 min), but it is well worth following the good climbing tracks about 5 min further uphill to reach the gorge near a closed bridge by means of a 20 m rappel at the beginning of the most interesting part. The paths are marked on the Openstreetmap.

Tour: (machine translated)
Not too deep cut into multi-colored stratified limestone, a lot of downclimbing, many smaller rappels, some possible jumps, 2 siphons whereby the first can be bypassed on the left (anchor for transverse rope available), exit possibility in the middle of the tour at the road bridge, then follows the highest waterfall in the canyon (25m). Caution in the very last section of the gorge after the highway bridge - iron bars in the pools.

Return: (machine translated)
After crossing under the highway and railroad bridges in the pipe culvert under the SS 51 and right out to the lower vehicle.

There is now a good and easy way to walk back from the exit to the parking lot at Cornolade Alte. From the exit bridge, hike about 400m north along the road towards La Secca. Immediately before crossing the Rio Bars, turn left and walk along an asphalt road under the railroad line. Then ascend briefly and turn right onto a forest path between the two highway bridges. The forest path soon becomes a path that you follow upwards at a pleasant gradient. The path is well trodden and partly marked in red between the gorges of Rio Bars and Rio Maggiore and reaches the viewing platform near the large waterfall of Rio Maggiore after about 25 minutes.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1236 12.2983
Parking at Entry 46.1246 12.2989
Parking at Exit 46.1327 12.3186
Canyon End 46.1327 12.3176
Parking at Entry 46.1333 12.3086
Alternative Canyon Start 46.1314 12.3063
Alternative Canyon Start 46.1303 12.3036

Reports:

2026-09-20 | LorenzGr | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We combined this route with the lower section, and only the upper part took around 4 hours. It is very similar to the lower section. We had trouble retrieving the rope on one of the rappels: there is a doubled anchor set well back from the drop, and a single-bolt anchor right at the edge, completely bent and equipped with two slings and maillons. We used the latter as a retrievable deviation point, but this setup didn't work so well due to the closed angle to retrieve the rope from below.

2026-07-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore On a le park4night à 50m, très peu d'eau, ça fait pitié... Je l'avais fait en crue en 2024, je ne reconnais quasiment pas... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2026-07-20 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Water levels are high following overnight thunderstorms. The water is very murky with foam on the surface. Still, it’s a good alternative when the weather is unstable. (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore 1ere partie peu intéressante, de nombreux arbres jonchent le parcours, mais 2e partie très ludique (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-10-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore 1er canyon en arrivant aux Dolomites, super dans ces conditions. Le débit devient très important en dernière partie, mouvements d'eau importants et équipement minimaliste ou insuffisant sur la fin pour ce débit. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-08-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore Alvaro Canyon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-08-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore Intergral RAS. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-08-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore Very nice canyon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-08-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-07-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-07-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore Conditions idéales après les pluies (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21714/observations.html)

2024-05-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
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2024-05-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maggiore Parked at the middle entry, entered via the upper intermediate entry, walked back on a good path that will be in OSM soon. Canyon was slippery but fun, trees only in the first two rappels. Pools for the most part clean (Quelle: https://www.descente-

Parts:
Val Maggiore (supérieur), v3 a3 IV, 5min+3h+5min
Val Maggiore (intermedio), v3 a3 IV, 5min+2h15+2min