Val di Scala

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Trentino-Alto Adige **Subregion:** Trento / Provincia autonoma di Trento **Town:** Canal San Bovo		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 6h40
Approachtime: 1h40	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 1190m	**Altitude exit:** 760m	**Delta Altitude:** 430m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 81m	**Amount rapells:** 29
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** 5.00km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (3)	**Info:** ★ 1.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 80m

Summary: (machine translated)
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Hydrology:

Access:

Approach: (machine translated)
ACCESS: From the village of “al lago” at km 1.2 of Provincial Road 56 (S.P.56) Canal San Bovo-Caoria, take the ENEL trail directly from the house in front of the parking lot and follow it easily to the water intake (start of the lower section) in about twenty minutes. Now continue to the right on a clearly visible trail, following the red markings, until you reach the base of the last waterfall in the upper section, where you cross the stream, continue along a chute, always following the red markings closely; after this somewhat rugged part, take a beautiful scenic ledge to the right that leads to a ridge from which you can see the upper part of the canyon. From here, walk around a chute and then cross toward the stream on the right (red markings) to reach the start of the canyon on a gentle descent, right next to the first beautiful 25-meter-high waterfall. (50 min–1 hour).
Alternatively, start with the via ferrata up the lower section and continue walking from the water outlet. Difficult hike from here!! GPS and navigation skills highly recommended!!
Update: In 2026, a second section of the via ferrata will be added, which should theoretically provide higher, more “direct” access to the upper canyon.

Tour: (machine translated)
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Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1735 11.7150
Canyon End 46.1685 11.7095
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1684 11.7098
Intermediate Canyon Exit 46.1696 11.7114

Reports:

2026-07-15 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Via ferrata followed by a difficult hike (navigation skills required) that takes you away from the canyon and then traverses back at entrance level. The canyon gave me the shivers because of all the dead wood, but it is bolted so that you can avoid the worst parts. Some new ropes + quicklinks for the first and final abseils would be good. In between anchors are mainly 2*10mm bolts but not the best placements! All quicklinks were open!! Mix of steel, use of non-redundant ropes.... But it does the trick. Would we repeat? Probably not. It would need a good clean-up.

2026-06-04 | Pietro | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Approach well marked by red bolts but still not trivial to find. Descent on excellent arms, the 80m rappel can be broken into 3 and is almost completely dry. Be careful rappelling from the ferrata to do the last 2 rappels, it is easy to jam the ropes if you are not careful. (machine translated)

2025-03-08 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Uncomfortable approach in the middle section due to many plants "trapping" shoes. Follow the red markings (probably years ago they were light blue...two still present) to make proper approach and then around elevation 1160 tend to the right where the gravel is felt, but beware that it is not marked in the last five minutes of descent to gravel. Excellent weapons status and the presence of fixed ropes in several puddles (even the MC with three PIs) help progression. In a couple of rappels in the upper part there are ringless plaques placed very high, probably installed by mountain rescue. Many logs disturb the descent and the slipperiness of the rock throughout the descent deserve much caution. Photo 1) first rappel Photo 2) S rappel to be avoided if it has a lot of flow Photo 3) rappel in the flow Photo 4) last rappel upper part (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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First descent: 01.07.2013 by Fabrizio Rattin, Paolo Conz, Renè Canton