Margologio

Rio Margologio

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Trontano		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 II	**Total time:** 6h55
Approachtime: 1h50	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 35min
Altitude entry: 1074m	**Altitude exit:** 670m	**Delta Altitude:** 404m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (2)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary: (machine translated)
The canyon is initially open, with a strikingly narrow and enclosed middle part. Remote and wild surroundings. The speed of the current must be carefully assessed.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Medium current, some beautiful parts, mainly in the middle part. In strong currents there is only a slight risk in the eddy section, but this can be avoided by getting out at the bridge beforehand.
June to September.

Access: (machine translated)
From Masera, follow the signs to Domodossola and turn left to Trontano just before the traffic circle. Follow the paved road that leads in a few minutes to the hamlet of Verigo, where it exits at a large parking lot with a chapel. Park here.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, follow the dirt road that descends and crosses the Rio Margologio over a concrete bridge. After the bridge, continue uphill until you reach some electricity pylons in an open area. Leave the road here and take a path to the right that quickly leads to the small railroad tracks. Cross the tracks (watch out for trains!) and follow the path through the forest until you reach some ruins. Pass these on the left-hand side. The path now becomes a comfortable mule track. After a good stretch uphill, pass a crossroads and keep left (the path on the right leads down to the stream, intermediate exit). At the crossroads, when the path flattens out, take the steeper and shorter path on the right (both paths lead to lErta) to reach the meadows of l'Erta at 1050 m. There is a signpost to the right of the highest huts. Take the only path on the right, which is not marked with arrows and leads flat to Rio Margologio (from here 15-20).

Tour: (machine translated)
A first large third with steep waterfalls in an open environment. This is followed by the small, beautiful middle third. At the exit, the stream opens up again into a less attractive part. You come to a water extraction point with a rope. Descend the following C12, making the best possible use of the iron bars provided. From this point, it is very easy to exit via the right bank and its good path, which quickly leads to the bridge you took on the way there. Otherwise, the descent continues with 4 waterfalls, 2 of which (the Vrille and the last C22) are beautiful ...

The canyon is long and slippery and requires a total of 7 to 8 hours of effort.
Most of the belays are still equipped with the original equipment, i.e. 2 bolts + chain. It is therefore essential to have at least one thin rope and small carabiners with you. Make sure that the rope walks well through the chain links as it can easily get jammed.

Return: (machine translated)
During the descent, you will pass a wooden bridge, followed by the last three abseils. Follow the riverbed for about 150 m and then turn right into the forest as quickly as possible, following a faint path that descends slightly beside the stream. The path then flattens out and becomes more visible, moving away from the riverbed and eventually reaching the railroad track near the bridge. Follow the tracks to the right to rejoin the access path. If you see the bridge above you, you have descended too far. Alternatively, you can follow the riverbed to the road bridge (not recommended).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1080 8.3707
Canyon End 46.1162 8.3604
Unknown Parking 46.1191 8.3561
Waypoint 46.1134 8.3664
Waypoint 46.1139 8.3602

Reports:

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Parked right below Verigo, where the paved road ends near a small church and a large parking area. Approach following the old road, accessible on foot and by mtb, first crossing the cement bridge on Margologio where it is possible to look at the flow (reference pictures attached as normal/medium flow), then continuing up on the road until finding a path on the right side which will bring you till the railway crossing. Once crossed the railway, take the left in the opposite direction of the stone bridge on Margologio, and after a sharp bend of the railway you'll find on the right the path going upward, at the beginning not fully evident but than turning into a mule track leading up to Alpe L'Erta. From the Alpe climb up towards the last stone houses till a signpost, take the left path and follow it until you cross Margologio at height 1080 (1048 start indicated on Canyons du Haut Piémont Italien-Torrentismo in Alto Piemonte) Quite everywhere old french 8mm chains, many times doubled, but in many points only one out of the two usable, in some other points in very bad conditions or unusable. Quite open at the beginning and turning from mid to end in more narrow section and passages that should not be underestimated in case of higher flow considering current belays.

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