Frasso

Rio Ramello,Comba di Frasso

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Vercelli **Town:** Scopa		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 3h55
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1090m	**Altitude exit:** 750m	**Delta Altitude:** 340m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 2.50km²
Season: March - October	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x60 m + 1x50 m

Summary:
A canyon not very aquatic, best done in spring or after thunderstorms. The first part is more continuous, with a succession of waterfalls and nice narrow corridors; later it opens up, and between rappels there is quite a lot of walking.

Hydrology:
At the entrance, a small water intake diverts part of the flow

Access:
From the Valsesia provincial road, turn right onto the uphill road toward the hamlet of Ramello. Leave the first car there. Then, with the second car, continue up the very narrow road leading to the village of Frasso (1000 m) and park there.

Approach:
Walk through Frasso until you find the trail signs for the valley routes (vallone). Follow the trail toward Balma di mezzo, di cima, etc. The path gently ascends toward the stream. After passing Alpe Nigrera (two isolated huts), the trail forks: follow the unmarked path that continues remaining at the same elevation (ignore the small path that goes downhill and the red/white path going uphill) until it enters the streambed near a water intake. You'll recognize the trail by a few yellow poles and drain covers.

Tour:
Immediately you'll find the first rappel (double on a tree to the left), 15 m.
A small jump.
C20 right + C20 left, the second with friction at the start.
C20 with a deviation after 15 m to the left.
MC + C15 left (possible jump).
Downclimb, MC + C18 right (a bit awkward to reach the anchor).
You'll encounter a very recent landslide that blocks the stream — climb over it; there's a rope on a tree to the left for MC. Following a slightly ascending ledge, you reach the anchor for C15 left.
Then MC + C20 right.
A short walk.
C20 left from a tree, with two friction points (bypass the second step).
C10 right.
C20 right + C20 right, short walk.
C12 right.
MC20 right + C20 right.
C30 right.

Total: 14 rappels — approximately 3-4 hours of descent.

Return:
After the 30m waterfall, take the trail on the left or go forward until the bridge.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 45.7799 8.0941
Parking at Exit 45.7791 8.0988
Parking at Entry 45.7832 8.0952
Canyon Start 45.7856 8.0813

Reports:

2026-06-07 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
The first part was continuous and very beautiful. The second part was more uneven. Some of the anchorages could be improved. There was little water despite the rain the previous week. (machine translated)

2025-09-26 | Matteo Delfitto | | 🕮 | ⚓ | | 👍 Completed
https://www.gulliver.it/itinerari/frasso-comba-di/ Coordinates Input: 45.7855147, 8.0813898 Exit: 45.7794341, 8.0957899 Recommended ropes: 1x60m + 1x50m (machine translated)

2025-04-25 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Canyon not complex but quite long with some aesthetically interesting sections, 16 rappels, v. Max 30 m, 3.30/4 h. some relais. Beware of a landslide that must stabilize inside the canyon. (machine translated)