Viganale

Vegan Ale,Vaginal

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Lugano **Town:** Melano		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v6 a2 IV	**Total time:** 7h10
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 900m	**Altitude exit:** 330m	**Delta Altitude:** 570m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 180m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 1.00km²
Season: April - October	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:** 10-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (3)	**Info:** ★ 1.8 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 1.3 (4)

Warnings:
Pulling off ropes difficult
The recommendation is to go with at least 2x80m and 120m (or 20m + 100m), as there is quite a lot of rope pull on the first 75m of the 180m because of the moss, and it is not easy to pull off the rope.

Specialities:
Only suitable after rain, suitable in rainy weather,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 100m

Summary: (machine translated)
Vertical tour that is beautiful and can be done directly after the rain. Certainly one of the best rain streams in Ticino.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Small catchment area in the limestone, it doesn't take long for the water level to come down.

Access: (machine translated)
In Melano there is a parking lot near the exit. Otherwise in Rovio at the top, but you have to climb 200m again after the canyon.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail up to Alpe Melano and then join the trail at the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
At the beginning there are many wide rappels, some of which are made from trees, after the 120m (30+90) waterfall it becomes narrower and very beautiful. At the final waterfall of 180m the following mass is currently drilled in (September 2025):
10m from the left
75m from the right (if necessary, there is also a stand on the right behind the free-standing tower to rappel down dry, but don't think about rappelling there, it will get stuck on the top of the tower anyway).
110m from the left (or swing 20m from the left far over to the right followed by 90m to the right)

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the streambed for 2 minutes and then turn right onto the path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.9212 9.0033
Canyon End 45.9216 8.9917
Parking at Entry 45.9325 8.9875
Parking at Exit 45.9191 8.9855

Reports:

2025-09-15 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Now the 180 has also been re-drilled. It certainly makes sense for the next ones to take an adjustable wrench with them to tighten the old anchors and also cut away the old connecting ropes between these anchors. (machine translated)

2025-09-10 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Drilled 15 anchors, unfortunately the battery ran out right before the big 180, so we went down through the forest (very steep, but you can get through without needing ropes). I have to come back again with 5 anchors, the intermediate pitches in the last waterfall are still missing. (machine translated)

2025-08-28 | Bubtore | | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👎 Not done
Still a bit much at the moment, but I think it will be perfect tomorrow if anyone wants to venture in. But beware, it's adventurous terrain. (machine translated)

2024-07-08 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Cool creek, you will rarely have perfect conditions like it was today (200mm of rain about 24 hours before). However, the next group should definitely take enough anchors with them, some stands are missing on the big rappels, and some of them look very bad. (machine translated)