Qualba

Cascate di Oira,Torrente Qualba

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Nonio		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 1h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 390m	**Altitude exit:** 300m	**Delta Altitude:** 90m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 5
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.7 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary:
Short canyon with wonderful view on Orta lake, particular waterfall with hanging pool on rock breakthrough

Hydrology:

Access:
Park along the street between the small church and the quarry worskhop towards the lake where you find a spot on the road side.

Approach:
Take the path on the opposite side of the road from the small church, it will go straight to the bridge "ponte degli alpini" crossing the canyon at start.

Tour:
Many small pitches, sometimes quite slippery, towards the end with the characteristic fall with the suspended pool which flows out through the broken rock wall like a hole in a pot, with anchor point very exposed out on the right; wonderful view on Orta lake.

Return:
After the main waterfall, follow the canyon till the lake, swim to the left on the side of the private property till reaching the shore when you see again a walkable road right after the property gate.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.8418 8.3806
Canyon End 45.8423 8.3843
Parking Entry and Exit 45.8460 8.3834
Parking Entry and Exit 45.8444 8.3821

Reports:

2026-09-15 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
I followed Bertogna's route. Amazing rock formations, beautiful rappels—especially the final one with the rock arch and lake view. Unfortunately, it was very short. Well-equipped. (machine translated)

2026-06-01 | Peter | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
Scope OK. Hanging pool of the arch also reachable from below. (machine translated)

2025-09-12 | Andrea Serra | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
It is very short, with 2 beautiful rappels, the arch over the lake is distinctive, but in general it can be done in half an hour... if you really go this way... (machine translated)

2025-08-12 | Marco Pasquera | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
There are 2 beautiful waterfalls for the rest there is no rest because the canyon is so short. The arch however deserves... (machine translated)

2024-08-04 | Massimo Loriato | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Parked along the street between the small church and the quarry worskhop towards the lake, approach in 10/15min to "ponte degli alpini" where the canyon starts. Many small pitches, generally very slippery, towards the end with the characteristic fall with the suspended pool which flows out through the broken rock wall like a hole in a pot, with anchor point very exposed out on the right. Wonderful view on Orta lake, once down swimmed towards the left until overcoming the garden of the villa and its gate, after it climbing up on the road and back to the car.

2023-03-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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