Cormor

Torrente Cormor

Create: 2023-03-09 20:54:31	**Update:** 2026-07-28 19:38:07	**Print:** 2026-10-30 01:10:27
Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Lanzada		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 V	**Total time:** 4h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1900m	**Altitude exit:** 1540m	**Delta Altitude:** 360m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 27m	**Amount rapells:** 23
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 48.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.9 (20)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (17)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (17)

Specialities:
Cave passage, Dam,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m
Headlamp,

Summary: (machine translated)
Immensely impressive serpentine canyon that runs mostly below huge boulders. Waterproof headlamp necessary. Difficult orientation in the rock chaos (here and there cairns).

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Directly below a dam wall

Access: (machine translated)
ATTENTION: The access road is currently closed due to a rockslide (cleanup work is expected to last until the end of 2026)! However, shuttle buses will take you up for free.
Park your car here: https://maps.app.goo.gl/u58J2Pb9GykBab9Z6?g_st=ac
Then it’s a 20–30-minute walk to the shuttle bus parking lot:
https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wqi2UvEQCcSs2Vc59?g_st=ac
(There are 3–4 minibuses, each seating 8 people, running continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., approximately every 40 minutes)

From Sondrio, head north toward Chiesa in Valmalenco. Pass through this village, which lies on the other side of the river, and immediately after crossing the stream coming from the east, turn right toward Lanzada and Tornadri. Continue past these villages and climb steeply up a series of hairpin turns. After passing through several tunnels, you’ll reach a large parking lot near the Edelweiss Restaurant.
Parking entry: Turn right onto a narrow paved road heading uphill toward Campo Moro. Either park at the large hiking parking lot or, at the first houses, turn left downhill onto a gravel road leading to a small parking lot below the dam. Head down via Cormor to Franscia and park near the bridge over the Laterna.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the hikers' parking lot, take a path to the gravel road and follow it to the parking lot at the dam wall.
From the parking lot, descend orographic left on a clear path under the dam. After about 3min the path reaches the streambed filled with giant boulders. Entry at a flood warning sign and an orange reflector on a tree.

Tour: (machine translated)
Downclimb under the first blocks to the first 13m rappel, then rappel from the right under wedged blocks 25m, 12m and 7m. From here 3 rappels in complete darkness before it goes again briefly into the light. A siphon must be climbed around in a twisted and small way above until you reach the stream again above a 22m rappel point. Another 4 rappels, partly in the dark again, lead to the highest waterfall of the tour: 27m down through a rock gate. Here is the only escape route of the tour to the left. Also here is an orange reflector on a tree. A side stream brings at least double the water, if you have already had problems in the first part you should not continue.
The second part starts at the path of the emergency exit and is again marked with an orange reflector. You climb back into the blocked streambed and follow the water as much as possible through obscure block climbing before it gets dark for a longer time. 9 abseils in beautifully washed out serpentine follow, at the 18m waterfall be sure to watch out for the hanging basin on the left - at high water levels it is very difficult to get out of there again. You can avoid the basin but orographic left.
The gorge ends in block chaos, better downclimb near the stream to the bridge, above the blocks the rock is overgrown and very slippery. About an old wooden ladder (at red / white trail marking on block in the streambed) you can already leave the streambed before right.

Return: (machine translated)
Cross the bridge and follow the red/white marked path on the right bank to the lower parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3027 9.9235
Parking at Exit 46.2927 9.9129
Parking at Entry 46.3040 9.9258
Canyon End 46.2969 9.9189
Parking at Entry 46.3039 9.9297

Reports:

2026-07-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cormor DC-Magnifique, mémorable et atypique descente. Accès : attention éboulement de la route avant Franscia depuis novembre 2011. Système de navette minibus gratuit mis en place après marché d'accès de 30 min. En été, horaires navettes (de mémoire ... ????):- en semaine 7h30-11h/16h-18h- le weekend : 7h30-11h/14h30-18hDépose navette jusqu'à Campo Moro parking amont. Accès approche : RAS 15minDescente : très bons relais chaînés, qq monopoints broche inox sur petits ressauts. Cheminement intéressant et sans grande difficulté avec ce DC- . La roche, les cascades et les rappels (bien placés) sont très esthétiques. Oscuros 1 : 1h45Transition 15 minOscuros 2 : 1h45Sortie : suivre un sentier en RG jusqu'à passerelle en troncs (GR), la traverser, puis 20min de marche tranquille en descente RD jusqu'à Franscia. Descente mémorable et incontournable. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2532/observations.html)

2026-07-28 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything's going great in the canyon. It's easy to get there by shared taxi, even with the road closed. The owners of the Edelweiss are happy to see every visitor. (machine translated)

2025-11-11 | MirkoT | |🕮 |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
The road up from Lanzada to Campo Franscia suffered damage from a landslide that came down on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Work on Campo Franscia could take until spring 2026. https://www.sondriotoday.it/foto/eventi/frana-lanzada-11-11-2025/#frana-15.html (machine translated)

2025-10-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cormor All anchors on site. very nice tour (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2532/observations.html)

2025-08-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cormor Beautiful canyon, feels more like caving. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2532/observations.html)

2025-08-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cormor During the Womens Canyoning; we had to search a bit from the upper part to the lower part (after a red dot on a tree and before a reflector on an other tree go to the right); beware of the waterfall that falls into a little pool, keep left as soon as you can... Nice tour! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2532/observations.html)

2025-08-24 | Daniela Rossi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Finding the way to the canyon as well as in the canyon is difficult. A well-coordinated group is an advantage. Otherwise top conditions. The power station above cannot be reached. There is no number or information. (machine translated)

2025-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cormor RASMolto bello (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2532/observations.html)

2025-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cormor DC+Nous avons rencontré un employé de la compagnie hydraulique au niveau du barrage.Nous n'avons pas pu avoir d'informations précises su ce n'est "en principe pas de lâcher prévu"Équipement top sur relais brochés Le dernier relais a été remplacé par un anneau de corde +MR Pour l'entrée dans la 2e partie marcher 2 mn sur un sentier rg puis entrer juste en dessous du plus gros bloc du secteur (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2532/observations.html)

2025-08-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-10 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything was fine and beautiful as always. We got into the second part a bit too early, a rappel from a rock ear and a bit of crawling in the water but better than the silt on the last visit. 6 people 5h (machine translated)

First descent: 22.08.2001 by P. Merizzi, M. Sala, L. Maspes, M. Tonni, N. Parolini, P. Van Duin e F. Brusamarello