Vitelli

Rio degli archi,Torrente Valle dei Vitelli

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Bormio		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 II	**Total time:** 4h20
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 2450m	**Altitude exit:** 1980m	**Delta Altitude:** 470m
Canyon length: 1600m	**Highest rapell:** 23m	**Amount rapells:** 25
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (3)

Specialities:
Glacier in drainage area,

Gear:
drill tool, Headlamp,

Summary: (machine translated)
Narrow, high alpine rappel canyon with many natural stone arches. There is even a rappel from one of the arches. Almost dry in the upper part in summer, little water in the lower part. Can be dangerous during glacier melt or thunderstorms due to the narrow sections.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Drive from Bormio in the direction of the Stelvio Pass. After a few tunnels, leave a car in the parking lot on the left before a small bridge. Due to the heavy traffic, a shuttle with a second car is recommended. Continue for 10 hairpin bends until you come to another large gravel parking place on the left.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, an initially steep hiking trail begins opposite, which you follow in a south-easterly direction. At a junction, take the left-hand variant until you reach a small lake (Lago del Mot). After approx. 200m, turn right into the streambed, where you can clearly see the entry to the first part of the canyon.

Tour: (machine translated)
Several very narrow, dark gulches with numerous rock arches separated by more open parts where you can easily get out.
This is followed by a longer walk and downclimb with some water. In the final part, which is no longer so narrowly cut, there are about 10 more rappels.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last rappel, you can already see the parking lot and come directly to the road on the left.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 46.5144 10.4054
Canyon Start 46.5099 10.4248
Parking at Exit 46.5145 10.4047
Parking at Entry 46.5195 10.4085

Reports:

2025-08-09 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Early start because there was a lot of water at the exit yesterday and I was alone. The access path has disappeared at the start, work is currently being carried out on the rockfall protection. It's best to go straight up to the second terrace and then turn right until you can cross over the embankment onto the hiking trail. Very nice access and everything in the gorge itself was superiore. Clear running water from top to bottom and all anchors OK, even if you sometimes have to search a bit. Water was still clear at 10:30 at the exit. First picture shows water after a hot day, second picture water this morning (machine translated)

2025-07-06 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | High | 👍 Completed
Water level on the verge of "crazy". The problem is not the water flow, but the "hail of stones" on some rappels. See photo. A maillon is missing... Anchors very well positioned throughout, even for a lot of water (machine translated)

2023-08-06 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
All hooks are not redundant (express anchor + rings), but well placed without edges. A few small abseiling places. The weather can change very quickly due to the alpine location, with us it has briefly started to snow sleet, half an hour later it was sunny again. (machine translated)

First descent: 01.08.2015 by Pascal van Duin