

Tignaga

Vallone Tignaga

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Ceppo Morelli

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a2 III

Total time: 5h5

Approachtime: 1h

Tourtime: 4h

Returntime: 5min

Altitude entry: 1160m

Altitude exit: 400m

Delta Altitude: 760m

Canyon length: 1000m

Highest rapell: 37m

Amount rapells: 18

Transport: on Foot

Rock type: gneiss

Drainage area: km²

Season: June - September

Orientation: North

Best Time: 10-16 o'clock

Rating: ★ 3.3 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary:

A narrow section for the first three waterfalls, followed by a succession of falls; some beautiful, others less. It is undoubtedly a magnificent canyon.

Hydrology:

WARNING! Following investigations carried out by the AIC (Associazione Italiana Canyoning) with the operators of the Ossola hydroelectric power plants, it emerged that the operation of the facilities affecting the Tignaga (and Toce) canyons is extremely dangerous. Therefore, exploration of these canyons is strongly discouraged. Nevertheless, there is no evidence of significant flooding, and local guides continue to take clients through them. Furthermore, during the first descent in 1995, the SCVV team observed the release of approximately one hundred litres of water from a hydraulic valve of the facility located high above the canyon on the left bank. It is leakage from this installation (the penstock) that causes the water in the canyon to become turbid after the initial filling.

Access:

Following the Anza Valley upstream to Ceppo Morelli, turn left at the edge of the village, cross the Anza River, and continue to the sports field. Park there, or continue as far as the bridge over the stream.

Approach:

Take the path that climbs towards the hamlet of Piana di Ceppo Morelli. Leave the hamlet on your left and continue along the trail, which soon crosses the canyon. Cross the bridge and climb a few metres up the left bank to reach the canyon.

Tour:

The gorge was renovated by locals in August/September 2025 and should be very well equipped again.

Escape: the wooded banks are often easily accessible.

Return:

After the final waterfall, at the pedestrian footbridge (which also provides an escape route), the exit is on the left bank, via an easy crossing over rock slabs that leads to the bridge.






Coordinates:

Canyon Start [45.9609 8.0636](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [45.9696 8.0656](#)

Canyon End [45.9688 8.0668](#)

Reports:

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