Molinera

Valle Molinera

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Varese **Town:** Pino		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 7h18
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 7h	**Returntime:** 3min
Altitude entry: 800m	**Altitude exit:** 230m	**Delta Altitude:** 570m
Canyon length: 3300m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:** 50
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 7.80km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 9-18 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (3)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Time-consuming, not unattractive forest canyon, repeated swimming passages and downclimb, rarely used

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Bellinzona we head for the eastern shore of Lake Maggiore. The approach is the same as the approach to the lower parking lot on an ascent of the Valle Vira (see there). However, we then continue along the lakeshore to the Italian-Swiss border. border. About 150m after the border, park your car either on the left on the old bridge over "our" stream or on the lower right at the "Restorante Bella Vita" (P0 - for the approach, see Google aerial photo in the photo gallery)\n\nWith a second car, we take a detour up to the "Lago Delio" reservoir. It leads via Macagno and Musignano (see Google aerial photo in photo gallery). We park the second car below the dam wall at the exit of the access road (P2).

If we only have 1 car available, there is a parking lot in Bassano (P1 - 530m altitude). You can get there by turning left from the SS394 at an acute angle onto the SP58 2km after the border (see Google aerial photo in the photo gallery). You should then plan an exit at the "Mulinaccio" (A1 - see way back).\nThe footpath up to the dam wall begins in Bassano with the signposts "Monti di Bassano" - "Lago d`Elio" (approx. 1h to the dam wall).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot at the dam (P2 - 915m altitude) around the water basin to the right and about 700m in an easterly direction. After crossing a small stream left (in a northerly direction) pathless down to Molinera (entry E).

Tour: (machine translated)
After a longer approach section in the stream, the first rappels; then many smaller steps, swimming pools, rappels again, then a glacier pot with a hole called "Buco della Vecchia" (Hole of the Old). The route continues like this until (after about 20 rappels) the view falls on the ruins of an old mill ("Mulinaccio"); get out here on the left (A1 - if the car is in Bassano).

Otherwise another 200 vertical meters and about 10 rappels to the exit at the road bridge (A2)

Return: (machine translated)
Intermediate exit to the left at the ruins of the old mill - "Mulinaccio" (390m altitude). From there path (white-red marking) to Bassano (25 min). So you "save" at least 10 rappel and almost 200m height.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0836 8.7646
Canyon End 46.1024 8.7548
Alternative Canyon End 46.0957 8.7544
Parking at Entry 46.0822 8.7566
Parking at Exit 46.1033 8.7524
Parking at Exit 46.0959 8.7446

Reports:

2026-05-28 | Andrea Serra | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Really long canyon with sections in the woods and some more forked, probably the most beautiful canyon on this side of the lake (machine translated)

2026-04-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Molinera Ancoraggi ok. Avvicinamento a piedi per comoda ma ripida mulattiera passando dall'alpe Pino (1h30'ca.). 3h30' ca per il torrente. Lungo e abbastanza carino. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22818/observations.html)

2023-06-17 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Beautiful, long, varied canyon. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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