Artogna

Valle Artogna, Torrente Artogna, Cascate del Tinaccio, Artogna Inferiore

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Vercelli **Town:** Campertogno		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h45
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1090m	**Altitude exit:** 850m	**Delta Altitude:** 240m
Canyon length: 2000m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 27.00km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 11-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (10)	**Info:** ★ 2.2 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (9)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x60 m + 1x50 m

Summary:
Acquatic canyon with an open first-half in the beautiful Valle Artogna forest, followed by a more narrow final part with the famous "Tinaccio" waterfalls. Some very nice sections; though a bit discontinuous overall.

Hydrology:

Access:

Approach:
Access is from the hamlet of Otra (Campertogno), at the base of the stream. From the parking area, take the dirt road that goes straight uphill where the asphalt ends. Then turn right onto a narrow, exposed path following the sign “Cascata del Tinaccio”. After about 15 minutes, the waterfall appears in all its power. Continue ascending for about 40 minutes until you reach another flat dirt road; follow it, and shortly afterward you’ll rejoin a trail. On the right, you’ll see the ruins of ancient dwellings — descend here for 5 minutes to reach the streambed.

Tour:
The canyon begins in an easy riverbed, reaching the first rappel (C13), which can also be jumped. Continue through several beautiful pools, all suitable for jumps, then a C5 and a C10 with a fixed handline. Further ahead is a 20 m toboggan, followed immediately by a C9 and a short walk.

A fixed rope leads to an exposed 20 m rappel (C20) with strong rope friction, followed by another toboggan that requires a tricky approach — friction climbing along the wall to avoid the strong current. Another consecutive toboggan, then about 10 minutes of walking.

You then reach the Tinaccio Gorge:

A 5 m jump leads to the start of the rappel sequence.
A handline allows access to an awkward stance, from which a C20 drops into a narrow gorge with a concentrated water jet — CAUTION: assess flow conditions carefully. On the right, not visible from above, there is a hanging belay.
From there, descend C27 into a large pool that must be crossed by swimming.

These two powerful rappels can be bypassed via a C40 reachable by climbing up to the left before entering the gorge.

Continue downstream to a fixed rope leading to a C20 under a waterfall, then several jumps in a deeply sculpted section bring you to the Rusa bridge, where you exit. Ascend to the right to return to the car.

Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.8099 8.0142
Canyon End 45.8078 8.0279
Parking Entry and Exit 45.8066 8.0291
Alternative Canyon Start 45.8089 8.0234
Alternative Canyon End 45.8082 8.0298
Alternative Canyon Start 45.8089 8.0120

Reports:

2026-08-11 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Route only from Tinaccio to Rusa... The water level is really high today, likely due to a thunderstorm in the upper part of the valley. After the Tinaccio waterfalls, there are other small drops that shouldn’t be underestimated at this flow rate (strong back currents, whitewater everywhere). Under these conditions (photo), this stream should only be attempted if you’re already familiar with it. (machine translated)

2026-07-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Artogna The trail is still closed at the top, so we probably missed one or two sections, even though we started at the correct entry point of 1090 meters above sea level. So something is wrong with the directions and the entry point elevation! I'm attaching my track anyway: https://loc.wiki/t/275581057?h=epodragwvm&wa=sd&la=de We had a nice, gentle water level and enjoyed the gorge, despite a few sections where we had to wade through streams. At a gentle water level, two 30-meter ropes are sufficient. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21436/observations.html)

2026-07-23 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We entered a little further downstream than usual... this year the water level is very low for this time of year, but it's still great—you can still go down all the slides, though the 20-meter one gives you quite a ride. (machine translated)

2026-07-23 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The trail is still closed at the top, so we probably missed 1–2 steps, even though we entered exactly at the entry elevation of 1,090 meters above sea level. So something isn’t right with the route description and the entry elevation! I’m attaching my track anyway: https://loc.wiki/t/275581057?h=epodragwvm&wa=sd&la=de We had a nice, gentle water level, and we really enjoyed the canyon, despite a few stream-crossing sections. With a moderate water level, 2 x 30-meter ropes are sufficient. (machine translated)

2026-06-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Artogna Très belle surprise. De l'eau abondante et l'équipement permet d'éviter la plupart des passages. Beaucoup de sauts et toboggans dont certains obligatoires. Le sentier d'approche est noté fermé mais ça ne concerne que la partie en amont du départ, qui doit aussi se faire, pour des travaux forestiers. Un petit air de Tessin (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21436/observations.html)

2025-09-26 | Matteo Delfitto | |🕮 |⚓ | | 👍 Completed
https://www.gulliver.it/itinerari/artogna/ Coordinates Entrance: 45.8087002, 8.0111894 Possible intermediate entry: 45.8089339, 8.0234474 Exit: 45.8082470, 8.0297838 Recommended ropes: 2x60m Entrance elevation: 1090m Exit elevation: 850m Total 9 rappels (machine translated)

2025-08-25 | Alfredcanyon | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Amazing ending for our 2025 Valsesia canyoning trip, weekend did not have much time so decided to try the intermediate access (After the big waterfall view point) Short but very interesting, you have immediately 3 top tier abseils, then some jumps and you arrive to the Rusa bridge, you can continue to the last abseil after the bridge.

2025-08-22 | Enrico Rispoli | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We entered a little earlier than the indicated point because the dirt road above is barred and they are doing some work with bulldozers. The first part of the canyon has small rappels in a fairly open environment, a long, violent toboga. Then you get to a nice waterfall in the void of about 20 meters, two toboggans with beautiful pools, a nice long walk and the fantastic final sequence of Tinaccio Falls. Some passages are really beautiful, the only problem is the discontinuity of the path. Still nice, V4A4III for the conditions we descended. (machine translated)

2025-08-21 | Herbert von Neumann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Unexpected beautiful aquatic canyon, maybe the first part is a bit discontinuous but then there's the big "tinaccio" waterfall with an intense/technical water passage, and of course some jumps to end the descent in a narrow corridor (machine translated)

2025-08-16 | Alex54 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
A bit discontinuous but with a nice green landscape and in the last section a succession of really nice verticals! (machine translated)
