Valletta

Rio della Valletta,Bognanco (terme di),rio di Barca

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Bognanco		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h20
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 760m	**Altitude exit:** 630m	**Delta Altitude:** 130m
Canyon length: 320m	**Highest rapell:** 32m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (5)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1.7 (3)

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 35m

Summary: (machine translated)
A short but pretty canyon with some nice rappelling spots.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Moderately dangerous, you can often walk out via (albeit very steep) paths.

Small watercourses, no pools, the waterfalls require you to wear a full-body suit.

Access: (machine translated)
From Domodossola, drive up the Val Bognanco. Park in the parking lot on the right just before the bridge over Bogna, at the entrance to the hamlet of Fonti. This is also the lower parking lot of Rasiga.

Approach: (machine translated)
Without shuttle: Continue 200 m on foot along the road and after the former Hotel Magenta turn left into a small road (signs "Cascata la Valletta"). After the bridge over Bogna (view of the last waterfall), walk up the right path for 160 m until you reach a stone bench. Climb straight up into the forest on a barely recognizable path without reaching the canyon too soon (so climb slightly to the right). You will come to a building from which a better path leads diagonally to the left up to the dam (Brise Vague), the starting point of the canyon.
From the parking lot above, take a path in front of the oratory towards the stream and then descend as best you can along the torrent to the dam.

Tour: (machine translated)
8 abseils from 3 to 32 m; the two biggest waterfalls are beautiful and a bit wet. MC possible to reach the belays (useful for beginners), only the last C32 (with 1 intermediate point) is obligatory and a bit airy...

Return: (machine translated)
A few meters after the C8, which passes under the bridge, leave the right bank via a steep little path that leads to the old path, just a few meters from the bridge. Cross the stream over the aforementioned bridge to reach the village and then the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1199 8.2094
Canyon End 46.1214 8.2102
Parking at Exit 46.1219 8.2132
Parking at Entry 46.1187 8.2102
Parking at Exit 46.1223 8.2103

Reports:

2026-08-30 | Enrico Rispoli | ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Instead of doing Rasiga or Variola, if the water level is high, this can be a good alternative: a short canyon with a few nice rappels (machine translated)

2026-08-23 | Massimo Loriato | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Done in the afternoon after Asinera exploration. Very fast shuttle car 8min, than approach from the little church following the path till the river and afterwards following the bank until arriving to the stone and cement barrage. Very continuous, some anchor could be added for safety on the first downclimbs but in general everything in order and double, with MC on many belays but only on the last pitch mandatory with intermediate point. Exit right after the last small pitch under the bridge, just overcome it and right after climb up on the right bank.

2025-09-17 | Joey CIA | ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Old anchors, should be renewed, 3 cool rappels Done because we still had time. Not necessarily suitable for beginners! (machine translated)

2025-08-04 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Occasionally very rewarding abseils, but very overgrown at the start. A detailed description will be prepared soon. (machine translated)

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