Balmel

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Borgomezzavalle		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 2h10
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary:
Short stream with a few nice rappels, but overall not very interesting, also due to the presence of numerous logs.

Hydrology:

Access:
From the A26 highway, exit at Villadossola and follow the signs towards the town and Valle Antrona. Drive up the valley to Viganella. After the hamlet of Rivera, a bridge crosses the Ovesca stream. Before the bridge, turn right and park in a widening/clearing.

Approach:
Continue along the narrow uphill road on the left (Google SW) until it ends at the small village of Cheggio.
An approach without a shuttle car is possible along the road, approximately 2 km.

Tour:
No particular difficulty

Return:
At the last rappel (abseil), you are already near the road and can exit. Otherwise, continue to the confluence with the Ovesca stream, follow it downstream keeping to the left, and exit at the bridge wherever possible.

Coordinates:
Parking at Entry 46.0507 8.1775
Canyon Start 46.0510 8.1772

Reports: