Moriana

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Macugnaga		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 3h15
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1300m	**Altitude exit:** 1100m	**Delta Altitude:** 200m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (7)	**Info:** ★ 2.2 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (7)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50

Summary: (machine translated)
Open rappel canyon with cold water. Old gold mine in the canyon

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Drive along the Anza Valley to the village of Macugnaga. It is best to park in the parking lot in the village.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the path down to the river, then turn right past the houses and over the bridge. Follow the hiking trail to the left immediately after the bridge. After about 30 minutes, descend left at the old houses to the water catchment.

Tour: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon with mostly old stands; partly thin chain links as is "usual" here. The anchors are sometimes rather unfortunate; (pull-off problems!!)
In the canyon there are old mining tunnels (gold mining). Especially the 2nd entrance (rather in the lower third on the right side) is worth a visit (headlamp!!) You can easily walk around in the tunnel for 30 minutes.
Rather cool tour, so ideal when it is too hot everywhere else

Return: (machine translated)
There is an old suspension bridge on the left. Cross it to reach the dilapidated houses of the mine and the parking lot. Alternatively, if you don't want to cross the old bridge, you can walk back to the access path above the river.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 45.9597 8.0131
Canyon Start 45.9550 8.0183
Alternative Canyon Start 45.9527 8.0200
Parking Entry and Exit 45.9586 8.0130

Reports:

2026-09-19 | Alfredcanyon | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
We wanted some less famous canyons and we got it right with this one! Freezing water and no sun, but some nice aesthetic waterfalls, pools in the gloomy forest, really like this type of canyon... No problem for us with the dam/ release system of the valley

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2026-08-15 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
The descent went smoothly, with 3–4 descents that were sufficiently water-filled. The water was very cold in the first 2–3 pools. (machine translated)

2026-07-08 | Sommer Andi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
Added the coordinates of the water monitoring site. We visited the mines, and afterward we were given an exclusive tour of the museum. 4 stars (machine translated)

2026-07-08 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
We got in at the water intake. Everything's fine. (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
Much longer than expected, it took us ~4 hours entering by the upper shaft (N45.95384, E8.01914). This can be easily accessed through the woods, and even an old rope is there to get in the streambed. The canyon must have been recently rerigged, we found no problem, however, the topo posted here previously has very faint connection to reality, i.e. an unexpected 50m cascade came close to the end. The lower goldmine really worth a visit! The old bridge can be used with minimum courage.

2025-08-03 | Judith | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Well equipped! Beautiful clear cold water. Entrance is higher than described in coordinates. Walk until you see a house and follow path down, on the left of this building, to a small dam. Here you can enter the canyon!

2023-09-07 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
A tour when it is very hot or you already know the other gorges here. The stands are so far still OK but often badly attached or old. We had 2-3 pull-off problems. Take a headlamp and look at the old galleries (the first at the beginning on the left side is very short and can be read out - the 2nd on the right side is recommended. (machine translated)