Variola sup

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Monteossolano		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 6h
Approachtime: 1h20	**Tourtime:** 4h10	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1140m	**Altitude exit:** 860m	**Delta Altitude:** 280m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 10.53km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (9)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (13)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
South-facing canyon - parallel to the Rasiga - with a beautiful ambience, but also a distinctly sporty touch.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the center of Domodossola, first head towards Bognanco. When you reach the bridge over the Torrente Bogna, do not turn left and continue towards Bognanco, but cross the bridge and about 350m further on turn left towards Monteossolano. We park our car in the large parking lot in front of the village (780m altitude).

Approach: (machine translated)
We cross the village and then take the trail "D4" to the (ruined) Alpe Pertus (1075m altitude). Continue uphill on the "D4" - roughly parallel to the Variola - towards Alpe Corte, La Balma. At 1110m altitude and a few meters before a side stream, an inconspicuous track goes off to the left and we arrive at a footbridge in the stream (1140m altitude). In various descriptions are described entries further up and further down.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the first few pools and some walking passages, the stream begins to wind its way through the gorge. There are nearly a dozen rappels in total, but also a few possible jumps. It makes sense to end the descent at the dam, since continuing down to the entry into the lower part is just tiring.
If you do want to stay in the stream and continue on to the Inferiore, you'll face about 45 minutes to 1 hour of intense boulder climbing. Knowledge of improvised anchors is necessary, as there are no pre-drilled bolts and some sections require rappelling.

Return: (machine translated)
After climbing the wall, we take the path that descends along the left bank. We meet the connecting path Monsignore - Monteossolano "D0". On the right we go to the entry to the lower Variola. We go left and so we come back to Monteossolano and to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1421 8.2198
Canyon End 46.1296 8.2202
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1268 8.2383

Reports:

2026-09-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Bof, vaut pas la rasiga, des parties encaissé jolies, mais beaucoup de marche glissante.Des relais douteux notament le rappel guidé.Canyon de second choix du secteur (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-09-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-09-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Toujours sympa. Bonnes conditions pour le faire. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-09-16 | Roland Ivenz | ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Everything ok (machine translated)

2026-09-16 | Wolfgang | ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
We started early because rain was forecast for later... but there was still some sun by the pools. 2 hours and 30 minutes, the four of us (machine translated)

2026-09-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Approche en 1h30. Départ au niveau de la passerelle métallique. 5h00 voiture a voiture. C'est de plus en plus joli, on est presque déçu à l'arrivée au barrage. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-09-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-09-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Effectivement, comme dit précédemment, un point du relai chaîné de la CT17 (qui peut être équipée en guidé) a sauté. Sinon RAS (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-09-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) De très beaux passages , mais au final quand même beaucoup de marche.Couleur de l’eau magnifique. Un ancrage de la première très belle cascade rencontrée a sauté. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-08-31 | Horst Lambauer | ★ ★ ★ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
All sections were fine—beautiful dark pools, some of which were slippery. We also took the Inferiore route and stayed in the stream. It took us 45 minutes to get through the boulder field, but we were moving faster than that. In some places, you have to use boulders as anchors; otherwise, you can’t get any further. (machine translated)

2026-08-30 | Enrico Rispoli | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
We had planned to do the entire route, but since the water level seemed too high to us—and since we'd never canyoned before—we opted for the Valletta route, which has much less water. (machine translated)

2026-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Bel encaissement large, avec de jolies vasques. Beaucoup de marche entre les obstacles... 7h en tout du départ véhicule au retour à 3. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2026-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Marche d’approche très sympaParcouru en 5h, tranquilleTrès belles vasques, beaux toboggansArrivée et sortie au barrage puis retour par

Parts:
Variola sup, v4 a4 IV, 1h20+4h10+30min
Variola inf, v4 a4 III, 50min+3h+10min