Mondelli sup

Mondelli 1,Rio Mondelli,Mondelli superiore

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Mondelli		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 II	**Total time:** 2h55
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1540m	**Altitude exit:** 1280m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** 11.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (10)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (13)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Watery, open granite canyon facing south.
This upper part is less frequented and only secured with 8mm bolts, on which very tight chain links (ropes >10mm no chance!) hang.
This description follows the book "Canyoning in the Alps" by Simon Flower, Mondelli 1 can potentially also be climbed much further up, e.g. in the canyoning guidebook "Canyons du Haut Piémont Italien-Torrentismo in Alto Piemonte. Spéléo Club de la Vallée de la Vis, 2015".

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
See Mondelli 2 (Intermedio)

Approach: (machine translated)
First take the same hiking trail as for the entry to Mondelli 2 (intermedio), but at the fork at the "Cascata" signs, continue right towards Alpe Corteveccio. Approximately at the highest house in Corteveccio, keep left and cross the open area on a small path. The path runs over a small, steep ridge past grazing cattle. Cross a short marshy area and enter the open streambed of the Rio Mondelli at approx. 1540m.

Tour: (machine translated)
Right at the start, there’s an open, sloping rappel of about 50 meters, where we couldn’t find an intermediate anchor. Several aquatic rappels and a perfect slide follow before you reach the final rappel via a huge granite slab with washouts; from there, you can see the bridge at the entry of the Mondelli 2 route.

Return: (machine translated)
Either take the hiking trail back to Mondelli or continue with the fun Mondelli 2!

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.9841 8.0310
Canyon End 45.9784 8.0348
Parking Entry and Exit 45.9733 8.0403

Reports:

2026-09-15 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
There was still a bit of morning fog up here, which made it even more mystical. Otherwise, everything was perfect, as always. (machine translated)

2026-09-03 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All booths are fine; everything is in tip-top shape (machine translated)

2026-07-19 | MKreuss | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. (machine translated)

2026-07-06 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Climbed the upper and middle sections. Water level was fine. (machine translated)

2025-09-18 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
As always, the upper part is also very cool, anchors are still the old French.... (machine translated)

2025-08-23 | Manni | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very nice parts. The first long rappel (2nd rappel) is almost 60m. Anchors at the belays are made of chain links (see photos). But all still look good (nut was sometimes to tighten) and the rope (9mm) was easy to pull off. Some of them have been replaced with rapid links. (machine translated)

2025-08-09 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. Wolfgang's times fit well. Mega tour. (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Most stands are small chain links bolted on with body washers. Slim carabiners and thin ropes are an advantage. Super grippy and beautiful. (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Great weather, great canyons (machine translated)

2025-08-06 | Markus Jendryan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
mega tour, highly recommended, top part 2h for the canyon. (machine translated)

2025-08-05 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
In the upper part mainly expl. 8mm with bits of chain, last time we drilled one new, weird to find a few years later still no improvements. One of the first intermediate anchors (2 bolts) left bank is also missing, but can be done in one. The short, steep approach for part I is a good warm-up for the lower parts.

2025-08-02 | Massimo Loriato | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
RIC 2025 All anchors points in order, mainly quite everywhere double points with french chains. Alpine wonderful environment, recommended 60/70m rope.

2023-09-06 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Today Mondelli 1,2 and 3 committed. As always a wonderful tour. Especially in the middle part, many stands were renewed (chain stands). We know the tour well and were well on the way in pairs. Upper part about 1 std Middle part about 1 std Lower part about 2 std A must todo if you are in the area (machine translated)

2023-09-03 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very tight chain links on 8mm anchors, where ropes > 10mm do not fit through! A ring was drilled in a passage difficult to climb down. A perfect 10m chute rather at the end. (machine translated)

Parts:
Mondelli sup, v4 a4 II, 45min+2h+10min
Mondelli int, v4 a5 III, 15min+2h+15min
Mondelli inf, v5 a5 IV, 10min+4h+10min