Vajo dell’Orsa (superiore)

Orsa,Torrente Pissotte,Val delle Pissotte,rio Bissole

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Verona **Town:** Ferrara di Monte Baldo		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 3h15	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 640m	**Altitude exit:** 350m	**Delta Altitude:** 290m
Canyon length: 4000m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 25
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: April - November	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (25)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (21)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (23)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m/ 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Starting from the middle section, it’s very scenic and deeply carved; many slippery spots; a shuttle car is an option, but hiking up on foot is highly recommended; possible slides and jumps; Chaotic rock formations in the lower section; Section 1 is dangerous when the water level is high; only a few exit options, but there is a well-marked emergency exit in the steep, cut-in section of the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Torbole --> highway ri. Verona/Affi --> exit at Brentino --> drive into the village of Brentino (lies above the main road/water canal) --> in the village follow the road to the right to the old power station (ENEL) (first asphalt then gravel) --> at the exit of the cul-de-sac you stand at the iron gate in front of the nostalgic hydroelectric power station where you leave the shuttle car --> with the 2nd car you drive out of the village onto the main road 450 in the direction of Affi --> pass the village of Canale --> drive up the road in the direction of Ferarra Monte Baldo (approx. 30 min. from P1 to P2). Take the second car out of the village onto the main road 450 towards Affi --> pass the village of Canale --> take the road up towards Ferarra Monte Baldo (approx. 30 min. from P1 to P2) --> after the village of Spiazzi (place of pilgrimage) drive approx. 3Km to the second small group of houses at a left bend --> here you have to look for the sign Localita Fraine Basse on the right --> next to the exit mirror there is also the yellow sign with the name Vajo dell'Orsa --> if possible park your car nearby (approx. 880Hm).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot go to the entrance with the signs --> pass between the houses --> follow the hiking trail downhill --> at the tree with the sign 'Per la Valle' (hard to read) continue right --> you pass a rock face and a little further down you come to a fixed rope --> after a short time you are in the streambed (approx. 680Hm) --> follow the watercourse to the first steps of the tour.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the first steps, there is a longer slippery section with small toboggans before you reach the more beautiful part of the canyon. At the point where the canyon narrows is probably the most beautiful part of the canyon. There are several abseiling points here, most of which can be slid or jumped. The water here is usually very clean so that you can easily estimate the depth. The canyon is offered by clubs, so there are usually good chain anchors, bolts and several fixed ropes in the canyon. The middle section is very incised and beautiful. This is followed by a rock labyrinth where you have to find your way by climbing down and rappelling. The highest abseiling point in the rock labyrinth is approx. 18m (at this point the water continues to walk underground). A gigantic clamping block marks the final part of the labyrinth. The canyon then opens up and here you have the option of bypassing the next steps via a fixed rope on the left. In the lower part of the tour there is a beautiful cascade (10m/S10 +25m) and a 10m abseil over several rocks. After a short walking passages you come to point 1 which marks the exit. Here you exit the canyon right through the crevice (approx. 350m). The lower part of the canyon is also worthwhile (see Vajo dell'orsa inferiore).

Return: (machine translated)
To get to the ENEL power station, follow the clear hiking trail. After approx. 15 minutes and several stream crossings, you will reach the parking lot/power station at an altitude of approx. 280m. If you don't have a shuttle car, continue towards the village square and past the fountain on the right. From here, follow the optional path (countless steps) up to the church. At the village of Spiazzi, follow the road to the car (1 to 2 hours depending on your fitness level).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.6619 10.8603
Parking at Entry 45.6671 10.8556
Canyon End 45.6494 10.8634
Parking at Exit 45.6463 10.8696
Alternative Canyon Start 45.6559 10.8591
Alternative Canyon Start 45.6585 10.8588

Reports:

2026-10-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orsa (intégral) Magnifique encaissement, équipement hétéroclite. A faire ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2602/observations.html)

2026-10-19 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful deep limestone canyon. With great views from the trail. Not hiking up would be a shame really, it's such a nice trip. Continued into the inferiore which is worthwhile (and logic, but there is also the trail next to it if u need/wish...). Morning sun obliges both for the access and orientation of the canyon. Wildlife.

2026-10-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-09-26 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
It was a dream come true for me. Everything was perfect. All the slides worked...absolutely amazing! We did both sections. The access hike was really nice! It took exactly 5 hours round trip (2 hours for the access and 3 hours for both sections). (machine translated)

2026-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-08-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orsa (intégral) Le vasche sono tutte abbastanza libere....La pozza pensile non è saltabile.....attenzione nella zona delle corde fisse nel bosco perché è presente una piccola frana ancora instabile che si è portata via la traccia (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2602/observations.html)

2026-07-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orsa (intégral) DC -. 1h15 d'approche, 2h15 de canyon. Départ 100m après le pont tibetain. Très joli encaissements, tobs,... Par contre la numérotation des rappels est bizarre sur la fin, ne pas sortir après le N°1 (qui n'est pas un rappel en plus), il y a toute la partie inf après. Où est la 40m?? On n'a pas fait de rappel de plus de 20m, bizarre ... Navette inutile. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2602/observations.html)

2026-07-07 | Katharina Pristauz-Telsnigg | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very beautiful, impressive, and varied hike. All trail markers are in good condition. Access is possible via the Pilgrim’s Trail (a stepped path through the center of town); duration: approx. 1:45 hours. Entry on the Pilgrim’s Trail: 45.643792°, 10.872427°; at this point (45.647306°, 10.861041°), take the path to the right “downhill” and cross almost level to the entry. After about 20 minutes, you’ll reach a suspension bridge; cross it, and after about 100 meters, you can easily enter the streambed. It’s best to park your car at the power plant. We did both the superiore and inferiore sections; both were very beautiful, though the inferiore section isn’t a must. It’s a nice alternative to the hiking trail back to the car, though. (machine translated)

2026-06-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orsa (intégral) RAS (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2602/observations.html)

2026-04-25 | Martino Rizzi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Full and first of the season all in the norm the puddles are all ok and weapons present in excellent condition except number 13 which was taken away in its place there are however two fixes with quick links (machine translated)

2025-09-17 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Rockfall in the block terrain. Slides in the upper part were all deep and the anchors were fine. (machine translated)

2025-07-12 | Ba | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed

Parts:
Vajo dell’Orsa (superiore), v3 a4 IV, 30min+3h15+15min
Vajo dell’Orsa (inferiore), v3 a4 II, 15min+45min+5min