Caldone intermedio

Val Boazzo, Forra dei Lecchesi,Torrente Caldone,Rio Caldone,Val Boazzo

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Lecco **Town:** Lecco		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 820m	**Altitude exit:** 560m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: 2200m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 23
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (3)

Specialities:
Siphon,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x25

Summary: (machine translated)
Limestone; several entry points; a few rappelling spots in the watercourse; a siphon in the middle section; several clamping blocks; only short walking passages between the rappelling spots; water diversion in the lower part of the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Lecco, take the SS36 heading up toward Valsassina. After the tunnel, you'll come to a roundabout near Ballabio, where you'll turn onto the SP62 toward Morterone. At the exit of the town, turn left toward Morterone (SP63). The road leads briefly downhill to the industrial area. Before the "Grigna Color" company, turn right and cross the small bridge. About 50 meters past the bridge, a gravel road (with large stones) branches off to the right. Follow this gravel road until you reach the no-entry sign. Park your shuttle car here (45.883311, 9.427962). With the second car, continue along the paved mountain road toward Morterone. After 8 hairpin turns, you'll come to a small tunnel, followed by 6 more hairpin turns. After that, look for a small passing area on the left side (the "Via Ferrata Simone Contessi" via ferrata). On the opposite side of the road, there is only limited parking available (45.879869, 9.441534). This road is quite long, narrow, and exposed for a shuttle route, but it's still manageable with a vehicle up to about 5 meters in length. Expect oncoming traffic, as there's a via ferrata and infrastructure up there. Passing opportunities are primarily in the switchbacks and bends.
A quick tip: If you only have one car, drive your gear up first, hide it near the passing spots, and then hike up from the lower parking lot via the trail on the ortographic left side of the canyon.

Approach: (machine translated)
(1 hr 15 min on foot)
Option 1: By car -> From the lower parking lot, follow the gravel road (high-voltage power lines) on a gentle descent on foot until you reach the exit. Before the maintenance tunnel, an inconspicuous path leads up to the left, past a small ruin. After a few meters of elevation gain, you'll reach the SP63. In the following switchback curve, the trail turns right and continues up into the forest. After climbing a few more meters in elevation, you'll rejoin the mountain road. Here, stay on the road and follow it until just before the passing place (via ferrata sign: "Via Ferrata Simone Contessi").

Medium difficulty entry: 50 meters before the detour, you'll see a tree with a wooden sign reading "Cascata di Chiaccio, Val Boazzo-P Erna Posteggio." From here, follow the steep, unmarked trail downhill for about 15 minutes to the stream (at approx. 790 m). (Intermedio) In this case, the hike begins with a 15-minute walk along the streambed; this can be bypassed by taking the trail next to the stream (on the right). As soon as the trail branches off to the right (rd), the actual tour begins.
The final short lower section begins at about 560 m, past the weir (under the road bridge).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Torrente Boazzo is an interesting canyon with many short rappelling sections in the water. The canyon's typical boulder-strewn terrain requires careful attention to the path of the ropes to prevent them from getting caught or damaged.
If the canyon happens to have too much water, some sections can become very dangerous. In particular, the siphon in the middle of the route poses a major hazard (though it can be rappelled down using a rope traverse to the right behind the hazardous section/siphon!). Several steps can usually be downclimbed or jumped over. Once you reach the dam with the water outlet, you can easily exit to the right via a trail at approximately 560 meters, or you can continue through the lower part of the gorge, which has less water.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail on the orographic left side of the stream. At the small power plant building, cross the stream via a small bridge. After the bridge, follow the gravel road to the right. At the exit of the small plant grounds, follow the hiking trail uphill toward "Passo del Lupo/Bellabio/Versacio." At the fork, keep left (the path on the right leads to the dam or the Boazzo Intermedio exit) and continue uphill until you reach the gravel road again. From here, follow the gravel road to the left back to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 45.8773 9.4335
Parking at Exit 45.8720 9.4248
Parking at Entry 45.8800 9.4425
Canyon Start 45.8794 9.4452

Reports:

2026-08-09 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All the anchors are in place; it's quite slippery to walk on. It was possible to shuttle with a 5.4-meter-long camper. Avoiding oncoming traffic and turning around at the top can be tricky. (machine translated)

2026-05-22 | Ivan I. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Weapons all ok. Caution towards the end of the first part there is a very high anchorage that can only be reached by climbing up a totally slippery boulder, good athleticism required... very slippery route but fully satisfied with the gorge (machine translated)

2025-09-10 | GoldenMat | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Normal flow in the lower part (I only did that), more flow in the higher part

2025-09-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Caldone Very beautiful canyon! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2639/observations.html)

2024-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Caldone Le syphon c'est ferme, un amarrage c'est tres haut (porter un amarrage extra, Fix present). (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2639/observations.html)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/2639

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2021-10-01 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | | Completed
A great adventure for canyonists with lots of experience. Rio Caldone, also known as Val Boazzo, is a very beautiful canyon that exits in Lecco. The canyon consists of two parts, which differ considerably in scenic terms. The tour with both sections takes a relatively long time - including parking, the tour takes about 7 hours in total. There is a very dangerous siphon in the upper part! Tour video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRwxzWQSqoE (machine translated)

Parts:
Caldone intermedio, v4 a4 IV, 15min+3h30+15min
Caldone inferiore, v3 a4 III, 30min+30min+10min
Caldone superiore, v4 a4 IV, 15min+1h+20min