Piane int

Rio delle Piane Intermedio ,Cascate dell'Alpe Quartiere,Croso di Strienghi

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Vercelli **Town:** Fobello		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 II	**Total time:** 2h10
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1480m	**Altitude exit:** 1320m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 5
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 5.00km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:** 9-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2 x 60 m

Summary:
Easier intermediate section above the better-known lower Piane; 5 rappels in an open setting; cold water.

Hydrology:

Access:
From Varallo, take the Val Mastallone road and follow it to Fobello, then continue to the end of the road near Santa Maria, where you leave it at the last parking lot (la Gazza)

Approach:
From the parking there are two paths; follow the one on the left (515 CAI), which almost runs alongside the Mastallone stream, passing through a pretty village. Then, cross a bridge over the Mastallone and go up the Piane valley. After a 15-minute climb, you'll find a hut on the right, then the valley levels out, continue past some huts (Alpe Quartiere), then the path passes alongside a ravine. When this ends and the valley opens up, descend along tracks in the meadow to the stream (near some huts on the other side, Alpe Oro del Cortese). 50 minutes in total.

Tour:
You enter and find the first C8 (right), then C12 (left, single)
then C18 (right), a little march and you find a small bridge with some large pipes,
just after C25 (left) (with rubbing),
then MC+C18 (right), here begins a long stretch of walking between large boulders.

Return:
- After 5 min. you can exit on the left, reaching the approach path; in 20 min. of descente you arrive to the parking.
- Remaining in the riverbed (15 min.) you reach the lower Piane

Coordinates:
Canyon End 45.9089 8.1202
Canyon Start 45.9108 8.1122

Reports:

2026-09-27 | Herbert von Neumann | | | | Low | Completed
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There's a lot of walking between sections, but it's not complicated, so we move quickly (machine translated)

2026-09-03 | Peter | ★★½ | ★★★ | ★★★ | Normal | Completed
A good option for adding a few rappels to the most scenic lower section. The hike between the two sections is a bit tedious, but if you stay on the adjacent meadows, it goes by quickly. We added a belay station to split the first rappel into two. (machine translated)

2024-08-25 | Matteo Delfitto | ★★½ | ★★ | ★★ | Normal | Completed
The upper section is less well-known than the lower one. With easier waterfalls and an open setting, it’s worth exploring if you want to extend the descent of the lower section, even though there’s a 15- to 20-minute walk over boulders between the two sections. (machine translated)

Parts:
Piane sup, v3 a2 II, 1h+50min+35min
Piane int, v3 a3 II, 50min+1h+20min
Piane inf, v4 a4 II, 20min+2h+5min