Gries (IT)

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Formazza		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h15
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 2350m	**Altitude exit:** 2130m	**Delta Altitude:** 220m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 18
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: August - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary:
Alpine canyon

Hydrology:

Access:
Leave the car near the Enel cable car at an elevation of 1,835 m (note: access road is restricted and owned by the municipality).

Approach:
Walk up the dirt road closed by a chain (owned by the Alpe Bettelmatt consortium) until reaching the alpine pasture itself. Cross it entirely and continue climbing toward the Gries Pass until reaching a stream crossing at 2,300 m. Walk up the stream along the grassy right bank (orographic) up to 2,350 m, where you can easily enter the stream and the canyoning/gorge section begins. (Approx. 1h 15min).

Tour:
8 m single pitch, right bank (set back)
4 m single pitch, left bank (climbable down)
4 m single pitch, right bank (can be bypassed)
4 m single pitch, right bank
1 m unequipped jump (waist-deep water – sandy bottom)
5 m single pitch, left bank (hanging belay start)
45 m double pitch, left bank (first pitch break / deviation)
12 m double pitch, right bank (second pitch break / deviation)
5 m single pitch, right bank (climbable down)
15 m single pitch, left bank (very narrow) (jammed boulder)
5 m single pitch, right bank (hanging pool)
20 m single pitch, right bank (double S-shaped waterfall)
16 m double pitch, right bank (pitch break + geyser)
10 m double pitch, center (passes 2 ledges)
10 m single pitch, left bank (set back)
6 m single pitch, left bank
6 m unequipped waterfall (can be bypassed)
15 m unequipped waterfall (can be bypassed)
7 m single pitch, left bank (optional)
18 m single pitch, left bank (passes 2 ledges)

Return:
Cross the pasture toward Lake Morasco and descend along the same dirt road used for the approach. (30 min).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4493 8.3702
Canyon End 46.4457 8.3718

Reports:

First descent: 10.09.2023 by Giacomo Boero, Pier Brudaglio, Marco Castellani, Dario Canovaro e Mino