Pilotera

Val Pilotera,Torrente Pilotera

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Gordona		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 3h45	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1100m	**Altitude exit:** 730m	**Delta Altitude:** 370m
Canyon length: 2300m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (9)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful single cells; clean water; works facility at entry; several walking and climbing passages; some exposed belays; several jumps possible with extra caution; short swimming passages; rather open canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Domasa (Camping Solarium) you drive in the direction of Chiavenna up to the village Gordona --> left behind the church you get at a cafe the ticket (€5,-) for the private mountain road --> then you go right. at the church briefly up the bend left --> then sharp bend (at bend) right --> next bend left. up --> follow the road until you reach the trattoria/bar "Dunadiv" --> there you buy another ticket (€5,-) for the mountain road to "Alpe Orlo" (1165Hm)(Pllotera)--> the road goes up to the right after the trattoria --> past the barrier the road leads over several serpentines to the small village (several mountain houses) --> before that a 2. Before that you can park a second car at the gravel parking place on the left about 200m before the road bridge that leads over the Pilotera (at about 820Hm).
If you have only 1 car, drive over the road bridge and continue to the material cable car at the houses of Barzena (about 950Hm) --> park here.

Approach: (machine translated)
If you start from the village of Alpe Orlo, you go up to the houses on the right --> there is a signpost with the signs Val Pilotera and white-blue marking (canyon) --> you follow this path past a fountain --> after about 15 min on the left there is a descent to the stream/water drainage (another white-blue marking on the stone) --> after the ladder you are in the stream (about 1100Hm).
If you start at the houses of Barzena, you take the visible forest path Pra L'Oste (1147Hm) --> continue towards the stream and cross the suspension bridge --> after the bridge, look for a suitable place to descend into the stream and start from the water diversion.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Pilotera is a rather open canyon that is also suitable for beginners, besides it offers a good alternative, if the Bodengo has too much water --> after the first 2 steps there is a blocky terrain --> after that walking and downclimb passages alternate with short rappels --> some rappels can be jumped after checking the water depth (a good jumping technique is a prerequisite) --> at a tributary from the right the canyon becomes more continuous and narrower --> at the sign "Pro Canyon" there is a short rappel place (narrow place) which can be jumped if there is a lot of water> at a metal sign "Pro Canyon" there is a short rappel (narrows) which can be problematic if there is a lot of water --> the canyon makes a 90° left/right bend here --> there are more nice downclimbs in cut canyons before the canyon opens below the bridge --> here is also the last rappel --> after that it goes over walking and downclimbing passages to the confluence with the Bodengo (approx. 730Hm).

Return: (machine translated)
At the exit (730Hm) the Pilotera and Boggia meet --> here you get out of the canyon before the stone bridge of Bedolina li --> after a short time and some stone steps you are on the road --> depending on where you parked the car back to the car

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2881 9.3346
Canyon End 46.2771 9.3467
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2785 9.3481
Parking at Entry 46.2873 9.3460
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2903 9.3112

Reports:

2026-10-02 | pascal van duin | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
From Sunday afternoon 4th October all water captures will be open releasing full natural flow in Bodengo 1-2-3 and Pilotera. Duration approximately 2 weeks for the ongoing maintenances. Canyon will be probably not possible due to too high water levels.

2026-08-04 | Sali | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Low water level; all jumps are doable; standing water has been present for some time at the last high rappel spot (machine translated)

2026-07-14 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera On a fait la navette, avec un trafic rallongé c'est l'angoisse tellement la route est étroite et raide. Vraiment à éviter en van. Par contre on gagne pas mal de temps parce que le canyon n'est pas si court. Au début c'est quand même pas foufou avec beaucoup de blocs et pas beaucoup de trucs sympas. Au milieu il y a un bel encaissement stylé puis un glissement de terrain monstrueux. Là on se dit que c'est fini et en fait il reste une dernière partie toute jolie. Fait avec une famille que j'encadre toute la semaine en partageant l'équipement avec eux. On a quand même mis 5h30, loin des 2h30 annoncées (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2026-06-29 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera Il est certain que ce canyon présente des zones de marche fréquentes dont une grande pénible au milieu (traversée d'un ebouli). Cependant, il est assez unique car malgré la présence d'un petit filet d'eau (présence d'un captage au départ), de nombreux sauts intéressants sont possibles grâce à des vasques profondes dans une eau cristaline ! Parfois des nages. De beaux rappels avec vasques émeraudes. Marche finale sur des dalles blanches pas désagréable. Ça vaut le détour. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2026-06-29 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
All good. (machine translated)

2026-06-29 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera Beau canyon mais énormément de caca block.Sauts, rappel et 1 toboggan a la fin.Fait en 2h40 à 4 sans se presser. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2026-06-11 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The water was still in the course after the flush due to the heavy rain the day before—everything was in perfect condition. All the anchors were fine, and all the moves were doable. (machine translated)

2025-09-04 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2025-09-01 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera At 11h, around +- 500 l/sec (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2025-08-24 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Pool deep, jumps easy to see. The quickest way to pass the rockfall is orographic to the right. (machine translated)

2025-08-14 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera Débit correct avant la prise d'eau. ~10l/s après. Énorme éboulement au milieu du canyon mais ça passe. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2025-07-22 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Unfortunately, some of the anchors have been damaged. However, rappels are still possible on all of them. (machine translated)
