Ruschera

Ruschera + Valmala Superiore ,Valmala Superiore ,Comba Ruschera

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Vercelli **Town:** Scopa		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h35
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 830m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 130m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 3
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** diabase	**Drainage area:** 7.00km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.3 (2)	**Info:** ★ 1.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary:
Can be done with the lower Valamala.
Easy canyon with a lot of walking and downclimbs, anchors need to be doubled.

Hydrology:

Access:
From the Valsesia provincial road, once you reach the center of Scopa, take a narrow road on the left (uphill) leading to the village church. Follow the signs for "Riversolul", which is in the same area, and park in the lot closest to the river.

Approach:
From the parking area, you'll see an iron bridge over the Sesia River — cross it and follow the steep mule track up to the Madonna della Neve chapel. From there, take the path to the left, entering the beech forest just above, and follow the signs for Valmala di sotto–sopra (trail 222/22). The path climbs to the left and reaches a plateau; from here, descend on the opposite side to the right until you find the bridge over the stream. (Approx. 20 minutes.)
Cross the bridge over the Valmala gorge (comba di Valmala) and follow the trail along the right orographic bank, ascending gradually. After about 20 minutes, you'll reach an iron bridge over a small tributary of the Valmala gorge with a low water flow (Comba di Tranta). Continue for another 5 minutes until the trail crosses another tributary with a slightly higher flow (Comba Ruschera). From this point, you enter the main Valmala gorge. (Approx. 25 minutes from the bridge, 45 minutes from the parking area.)

Tour:
Once you enter the Comba Ruschera, you immediately reach the first waterfall — C16 right. From the beautiful pool below, there's another descent, C20 left, ending in a hanging pool.

A little further down, you enter the main Comba di Valmala, where the water flow is much greater. After some walking among beautiful pools, you reach a point where the stream is deeply carved between high walls — here you find C13 left, a stunning free-hanging descent under the water flow.

Continuing downstream, the canyon stretches out for a long section without waterfalls but remains scenically impressive. Several jumps are possible into the many pools along the way. The riverbed then widens, leading to the bridge where the lower section begins.

Return:
Swim across the Sesia river (strong current) and follow the wide beach upstream to the iron bridge (about 10 minutes).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.7856 8.1355
Canyon End 45.7894 8.1242

Reports:

2026-05-17 | Andrea Serra | ☆☆ |🕮★★ |⚓★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Stream mostly to walk, the beginning with two nice waterfalls in the affluent then ends in the valmala which is a long walk with 1 rappel...a few dips in a nice setting...you get to the bridge about 1.30 h (machine translated)

2025-07-09 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆☆½ |🕮★ |⚓★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Comba Ruschera is really just THE entrance to Upper Val Mala; there are 2 rappels (max 20 m) usually with little flow, then you enter Comba di Valmala and find another rappel. Little vertical and discontinuous route interesting more for the unspoiled environment of the valley and a borehole with nice pools About 1.30/2 h for the upper part. Equipped with single points by myself and Tommaso Porri in 2025. (machine translated)

Parts:
Ruschera, v2 a2 II, 45min+1h30+20min
Valmala, v2 a3 II, 20min+1h+10min

First descent: 28.06.2025 by Matteo Delfitto, Tommaso Porri