Prequartera

Cascate di Prequartera

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Ceppo Morelli		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 IV	**Total time:** 7h4
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 4min
Altitude entry: 1570m	**Altitude exit:** 870m	**Delta Altitude:** 700m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 75m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport:	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 80m

Summary:
Very open stream, with an extremely long sequence of consecutive high rappels.
The waterfalls are clearly visible from the road (along the section between the two iron bridges) that climbs the Anzasca Valley. It is a steep-sided gully starting at an elevation of 1,560 m and descending very steeply above the village of Prequartera. It is certainly not a memorable route, but it is quite unique and scenic: overall, a beautiful and very wild outing with limited length. There is very little walking, a lot of rope work is required (watch out for rope retrievals!), and there is a significant amount of downclimbing.

Hydrology:

Access:
Take the A26 Voltri–Gravellona Toce motorway and continue until it becomes the SS33 state road (Sempione Road). Follow the SS33 up the Ossola Valley to the Piedimulera–Macugnaga exit. Continue following the signs for Macugnaga and drive up the Anzasca Valley along the SS549 for about 20 km, passing the village of Ceppo Morelli. After a tunnel, there is a parking area on the right near a picnic area, just before the diversion that bypasses a landslide on the right bank of the Anza.

Approach:
It is worth avoiding the shuttle (about half a kilometre) and walking back to Ceppo Morelli, where parking is difficult to find. Cross the village and take the trail just downstream of the main square of Ceppo Morelli, following the signs for Alpe Corte Nero. The trail is marked but little used, and becomes extremely steep and exposed in its final section. After the last rocky step, the path turns sharply north and follows the ridge. At this point, an old overgrown track can be found on the left; traversing the slope, it reaches the stream after about one hundred metres. A map is essential.

Tour:
The highest waterfall, 75 metres high, can also be descended with 70 m ropes by downclimbing the final step.

Return:
From the ford marking the end of the route, descend to the left and return to the parking area in a few minutes.

Coordinates:

Reports:

2024-09-06 | Marco Pasquera | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | Low | 👍 Completed
Very unfamiliar we had a hard time figuring out where to enter...vertical canyon not very complex, nice final jumps...little water, maybe it's the right descent when the other big canyons in the valley are trippo loaded (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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