# Bodengo III (Boggia III)

Bodengo 3,Boggia inferiore,Val Bodengo,Torrente Boggia

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| **Country:** Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Gordona | | |
| **Difficulty:** difficult | **Grading:** v5 a5 IV | **Total time:** 5h10 |
| **Approachtime:** 5min | **Tourtime:** 5h | **Returntime:** 5min |
| **Altitude entry:** 750m | **Altitude exit:** 270m | **Delta Altitude:** 480m |
| **Canyon length:** 2600m | **Highest rapell:** 35m | **Amount rapells:** 36 |
| **Transport:** Car optional | **Rock type:** | **Drainage area:** 48.00km² |
| **Season:** | **Orientation:** Northeast | **Best Time:** |
| **Rating:** ☆ 4.4 (18) | **Info:** ★ 2.4 (14) | **Belay:** ★ 2.3 (16) |
| **Specialities:** | | |
| **Gear:**<br>Ropes: 2x40m | | |

**Summary:** (machine translated)
Massive canyon with high jumps, wild slides and decent water flow.

Clean water; deep pools; nice single passages; weir above Bodengo 1; long walking and climbing passages; power station with 2 water diversions in front of 40m waterfall; 25m "jumping slide" in the middle section.

Webcam with water level: http://www.valbodengo.com/d/phone/webcam.html

**Hydrology:** (machine translated)
High water flow, very large catchment area

The third section of the Bodengo is the longest and has the highest water flow in the canyon, so be sure to check the water level at the lower power plant wall! To check the water level, park your car at the exit. Go around the power plant, and climb the steep embankment to reach the path leading up to the path on the left toward the power plant bridge. From here, you can see the water diversion channel and the concrete wall, where you can assess the water volume. For a hike, the water level should be 30–40 cm below the concrete wall.

**Access:** (machine translated)
To use the private road leading to the parking lot, you must pay €7 at the pay station (located directly on the road at the edge of town) (via QR code or online payment with a credit card).
You can purchase the ticket online in advance here:
https://valbodengo.shop/

Take the SS36 from Lecco toward Chiavenna. Just before Chiavenna, drive into the village of Gordona until you reach the church. Then turn right at the church and drive up a short hill. At the fork, turn left, then take the sharp right-hand bend (at the fork) and drive up the hill. At the next fork, turn left uphill. Follow the road (toward Pra Prince). After a few meters of elevation gain and some bends, you'll see a gravel parking place on the left at approximately 820 meters elevation, just before a sharp right bend; park here. After about 50 meters, you'll see a "No Motorcycles" sign (on the left) with trail signs for "Mulattiera per Bodengo" and "Strada Carrozzabile per Bodengo."

**Approach:** (machine translated)
10 min by car / approx. 1.5 hours on foot
From the gravel parking place at 820 Hm, follow the road for about 50 m to the “No Motor Vehicles” sign. Then continue left down the steep hiking trail toward the old Roman bridge. About 20 meters before the bridge, turn right into the woods and head down to the stream. This tributary (Pilotera) joins the Bodengo after a few meters; this is the entry (approx. 730 meters above sea level).
Alternative: If you only have one car, park it down below near the power plant. On foot, you can reach the hiking trail by going up the steep embankment on the right side of the power plant fence. After checking the water level (on the left) at the reservoir, walk back along the path (toward the village) and continue until you reach the first house in Gordona. Here, the D6 hiking trail (Kompass map) branches off to the left. Follow this trail up to the road. Then continue along the road to the gravel parking place on the left at 820Hm

**Tour:** (machine translated)
Near the beautiful old Roman bridge at an altitude of approx. 750 m, we start right away with a rappel into one of the countless pools of great depth. The canyon is sufficiently well equipped for an ascent, but you should still take emergency equipment with you. At most of the abseiling points that run directly into the water, rope traverses or alternative routes have been set up. Rope retrival is not always easy due to the clamping blocks and cracks in the rock (risk of rope jamming!). The bolts are often exposed due to the huge amounts of water. Many steps/abseils can be jumped or slid. However, the pools should be well scouted out beforehand! (Many accidents occur when jumping/sliding. See Facebook page of Pascal van Duin, "Canyoning val Bodengo"). The only drawback of this grandiose and unique canyon are the long granite block climbs between the beautiful passages. The path often has to be scouted in the blocked terrain. The highest abseils are in the last third of the canyon, where you come across reddish rock (there is also an emergency exit here). At the last abseil points, you will encounter 1 obvious water drainage on the left side with a narrow grid in front of it (possibly suction effect). In my opinion, safe even at higher water levels. ! Only the current from the waterfall will push more in this direction. If you want, you can also get out here via a ladder set up for maintenance work. The 2nd drainage is located, not obviously, on the right at the exit of the water basin, under water.
The last 40m abseil point is right after the pool/cement wall. The rappel can also be divided (possibly 30m rappel + jump right down from the ledge). Then there is a small step and a 5m jump into the final pool at approx. 250m.

**Return:** (machine translated)
If you get out on the left side of the last set of pools, you'll be right in front of the exit parking lot.

**Coordinates:**
Canyon Start 46.2766 9.3472
Parking at Exit 46.2822 9.3666
Parking at Entry 46.2784 9.3481
Canyon End 46.2817 9.3666

**Reports:**

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2026-10-02 | pascal van duin | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 High | 👎 Not done
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.

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2026-09-04 | Bubtore | ★ ★ ★ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Impressive sections, huge jumps—but constantly having to figure out the route and hopping over boulders does take some of the fun out of it. (machine translated)

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2026-08-24 | Joris Walch | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon. Everything’s fine. The T25 is impressive, but you can make it from the very top (be careful on the landing—it’s best to start in a seated position and stay that way to avoid landing on your back). Officially, exiting the canyon is prohibited, as the final pool is currently closed due to fire risk. I confirm the previous comments: Section 3 only; travel time was 7 hours for 5 people, including a 30-minute break. Thanks to those who installed new fixed ropes. (machine translated)

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2026-08-16 | pascal van duin | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Low | 👎 Not done
There is plenty errors in the informations about this canyon. -it is an adventure terrain, not a standard bolted route - descent time is much longer if you don't know the canyon, 5 hours if you are very fast, more normal 6 or 7 hours, especially if you don't know the route, recently a party of 4 took 13 hours... -water level: just check the flow at the end of Bodengo 2, the indication about that pool has no sense at all. - there is often accident in the big slide, the Shark, one of the last bad ones had a pneumothorax..if you know what it is. Just slide starting lower and no problems. -highest waterfall is 60 meters, can be split in 15+45 for example. .last waterfall is 35 meters from the concrete wall, can also be split in a 20+20 m. -broken anchor has been replaced today by a local guide. -most dangerous pool in B3, where at least 5 people have broken an ankle, is in the picture i just uploaded. A hidden very sharp boulder under the white water. - there is no webcam working actually.

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2026-08-13 | Cécile Meier | |🕮 |⚓ | 𝌆 | 👍 Completed
Warning: A single anchor point (a single-expansion metal bolt) has failed in Bodengo III at the start of the narrow section halfway through the canyon. The anchor point was equipped with a cord on the left bank to reach the belay station.  (machine translated)

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2026-07-25 | Dani B. | ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Low | 👍 Completed
Water flow is low for this time of year; I've never seen it this slippery. Everything's fine, except for the anchor you need to climb up to avoid the narrowing section (see the photo)—so be really careful; a new one is needed. Also, the fixed rope used to reach the 15-meter jump is a little worn and should be replaced. (machine translated)

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2026-07-25 | Theresa Petschar | ★ ★ ★ ★ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Low | 👍 Completed
The anchor for climbing straight up the fixed rope—at the spot where you go around the stream across the plateau—is very loose; otherwise, everything's great!  (machine translated)

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2026-06-28 | Airmax | ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything's fine. We're at 500 hm, heading left onto the hiking trail (old dynamic fixed rope).  (machine translated)

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2026-05-25 | Damien | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Very beautiful canyon with large clear pools! Some walking passages, but you can find your way if you have an understanding of the course of the stream. Traverese ropes and anchors are all present. Slippery in places. We repeated the big slide 4 times :) Simply attach a rope on the left. No problem with the water level (medium to low, see picture of the exit) (machine translated)

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2025-09-20 | GoldenMat | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Pretty cold usually at this time of the year (little to no sun), but this weekend has been fine. Some fixed ropes are broken or pretty damaged, also the bolt to exit the narrow section is half out of the rock. For the rest all good.

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2025-07-15 | Jackcachpot | ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Quite a lot of jumping and slides, but also a lot of downclimbing blocks. I like the 1 and 2 more. Water level picture attached from the bridge at the entry. (machine translated)

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**Parts:**
Bodengo I (Boggia I), v3 a4 III, 2min+1h30+10min
Bodengo II (Boggia II), v3 a5 III, 15min+2h30+10min
Bodengo III (Boggia III), v5 a5 IV, 5min+5h+5min