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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Premia		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v6 a3 IV	**Total time:** 6h25
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1775m	**Altitude exit:** 775m	**Delta Altitude:** 1000m
Canyon length: 1700m	**Highest rapell:** 120m	**Amount rapells:** 49
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear:		

Summary: (machine translated)
Impressive, majestic canyon. Not playful. Technical and continuous.
Only do at minimum water level.

ATTENTION: On weekdays danger due to blasting on the last rappel!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Masera, take the 5533 in the direction of the Simplon Pass
and turn off at Crodo. Drive up the Antigorio valley,
Baceno and Premia and continue in the direction of Val Formazza.
Formazza. Cross the village of San Rocco and park near a fairground.
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Approach: (machine translated)
Description for access at 1170HM:
Cross the large field to the south and cross the Toce river over the bridge.
river Toce over the bridge. Continue north, a little further on
take a path on the right marked Busin di Sopra/Alpe Groppo.
Sopra/Alpe Groppo. The path climbs up the left bank of the
canyon, is marked but not often used, with steep parts and rocky steps.
and rocky steps. Take the path past Alpe Bochi at an altitude of 930 m and
continue up to about 1180 m, where, near a rock face, you turn
near a rock face, turn left onto a small, semi-horizontal path
marked by cairns and runs along the wall for a short distance.
along the wall. A relatively clear point of orientation
after 50 m on the path is a huge tree stump.
Continue along a less clearly recognizable path with
some short ascents and descents, but the height is maintained.
is maintained. When the canyon becomes visible, there are some
parts that cross the steep forest. Eventually you reach a
very exposed rocky outcrop at a height of about 180 m, from which you can
you can reach the canyon with abseiling equipment.

Tour: (machine translated)
A difficult and challenging alpine canyon characterized by a very long corridor with numerous abseiling points, almost all of which are under waterfalls, with the canyon walls being less than one metre deep in many places. There is no escape route for the first 220 meters. The second part offers more breathing space and a few more escape routes, but is by no means to be underestimated. The exploratory routes are obviously the only ones you should use, and although they are in sheltered places, they are very risky given the nature of the canyon.

Entry at 1170 HM is 25 rappels.

ATTENTION: On weekdays there can be loud, rather disturbing
disturbing explosions from the nearby quarry,
which could be dangerous during the last rappel.
Avoid on weekdays or exit to the left before the last rappel.

Return: (machine translated)
Take the exit on the left and drive onto a small dirt road.
Follow this road in a southerly direction and you will reach the bridge over the
Toce, which you crossed on the outward journey.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2948 8.3925
Canyon End 46.3067 8.3746
Alternative Canyon Start 46.3005 8.3798

Reports:

2026-08-17 | MirkoT | |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
A group is reported to have descended from an elevation of 1,170 to the quarry. The descent was abandoned due to insufficient anchoring equipment. For the next descent, it is mandatory to bring plenty of anchoring equipment.
Photo 2: Exterior view of the last rappel (machine translated)

2024-09-05 | Marco Pasquera | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Canyon that follows an impressantr crack in the rock, very narrow and (fortunately there was little water) technical to cascade under the flow that even scarce makes itself felt...not xi are big pozz3, very long and with no escape route. Also tiring because of long and steep approach (machine translated)

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