Chignolo

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Varese **Town:** Comerio		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 II	**Total time:** 1h1
Approachtime: 0min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 1min
Altitude entry: 380m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 1.00km²
Season: September - May	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x25m

Summary:
The river is rather short but characterized by two long hypogeum sections, respectively, below the Orocco quarter and under the former Whirpool. It is, therefore, a rare itinerary of urban speleo-canyoning. After heavy rain, you will find clean water, otherwise it will be rather dry with stagnating water.

Hydrology:

Access:
Downstream: coming from Varese (Via Borghi) go past the former Whirpool and turn left into Via Beut. Cross the bridge over the railway (Via Piave), make the hairpin to the left and after the bend to the right take the side street on the left (Via Piave, 44) in correspondence with the maritime pine. Continue until you reach the end of the street and park asking permission from the locals (45°50'21.5"N 8°43'59.8"E).

Upstream: return to Via Borghi, turn right past the Whirpool and turn left into Via Orocco. Turn right into Via Valle Oro and park immediately on the left (45°50'34.5"N 8°44'12.1"E)

Approach:
Get down to the riverbed at the side of the entrance of the first gallery.

Tour:
01- C5 (abalakov dx)
02- C6 (1 sx)
03- C15 (1 sx)
04- C20 (1 sx)
05- C8 (abalakov sx)
06- C7 (ferrata)
07- C10 (ferrata)
08- C12 (1 dx)

Return:
After the second canyon, the stream is visibly horizontal. Exit on the right bank just at the downstream parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.8429 8.7368
Canyon End 45.8393 8.7338
Parking at Entry 45.8429 8.7367
Parking at Exit 45.8393 8.7333

Reports:

2026-09-27 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Running water and clean pools despite the lack of rain in recent days. Ten of us participated in the “Clean Your Backyard” event. We hauled out a lot of trash and added a few anchors to make it easier to climb down.
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