Gardonea

Rio Gardonea,Rio dell'Orso

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Liguria **Subregion:** città metropolitana di Genova **Town:** Genova		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 II	**Total time:** 4h30
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 550m	**Altitude exit:** 390m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x 60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Another route that was taken purely “out of curiosity.” It’s a hike with no particular points of interest. The narrow canyon of the Rio dell’Orso was hiked through purely for the sake of it.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Exit the A10 highway at the Genoa Voltri toll plaza. Take the SS1 Aurelia toward Savona, drive through the entire Voltri district, and at the exit—before the bridge over the Cerusa stream—turn right toward Fabbriche. The road leads into the valley for a few kilometers. Once you arrive in Fabbriche, continue on to the hamlet of Fiorino. Just before the square, turn left onto a bridge that leads to the small cemetery.

Approach: (machine translated)
Approach: From the cemetery, follow the trail marked with a red rhombus, which leads over the old stone bridge to Case Soggi. Alternatively, you can follow the paved road (blocked by a gate) to the hamlet. Follow the road, which curves in a wide arc toward the houses (elevation 450 m). Behind the houses, enter (be sure to close the gate behind you!) a fenced pasture and cross it until you reach a second gate. Take the marked trail on the right (faded red diamond), which ascends halfway up the slope toward the north and bypasses the watershed between the Rio Secco valley and Val Cerusa. Shortly past the 500-meter mark, turn left and pass a trail on your left that continues across the plain. Continue along the path for a few more minutes until you reach the base of a rock face. From here, the path continues at mid-slope elevation over various ridges to the ruins of Case Spravè. From there, take a trail on the right that descends steeply until you cross the Rio Gardonea—the main river of the watershed—at an elevation of about 550 meters.

Tour: (machine translated)
Approach to the Rio dell'Orso: The first narrows of the Gardonea are located after a short horizontal part, but they aren't particularly interesting. Before the second narrows, you'll come to the confluence with the Rio dell'Orso. Since you're already here, it's worth climbing a few meters up the tracks that lead to the top of the Rio dell'Orso's final gorge: two nice rappels and a small jump will bring you back to the Gardonea.

Notes:
1) The stream was also explored in its upper reaches starting from the Faiallo mountain pass, but it is not of interest from a canyoning perspective.
2) If you avoid the return paths, you can look for jumps and slides along the Gardonea and then in the Cerusa until the valley reopens just before Fiorino (you exit on the left bank and rejoin the normal return path there).

Return: (machine translated)
Return trip: Once you reach the confluence with the Rio del Dente, follow the trail on the right bank to reach the confluence with the Rio delle Gave. From here, the trail crosses to the left bank and continues at mid-elevation (except for a short downhill part) until it rejoins the outbound trail; along the way, you'll pass several farmhouses.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.4716 8.6805
Parking Entry and Exit 44.4599 8.7074

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