Torrente Comboè

Comboe

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Valle d'Aosta / Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta **Subregion:** Pollein **Town:** Charvensod

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 III	**Total time:** 4h12
Approachtime: 2min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1050m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 350m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 20
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50m, 1x35m, 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
magnificent and very impressive canyon near Aosta. There are several very spectacular abseiling points, one of which is free-hanging. The canyon is cut to a depth, so there is a fresh breeze below the waterfalls.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Valley: Coming from Turin via the highway, take the Aosta Est exit, reach the village of Pollein, turn left towards Roulaz/Felinaz, drive above the hamlet of Saint-Bénin along the torrent to a parking lot on the left (the road is then closed). The 45 m high waterfall can be seen from the parking lot.
Uphill: Take the SR19 regional road to Aosta and turn left towards Pila (SR18). Drive uphill to kilometer 5 + 500 at the junction to Rivierer Dessous, small road on the left, continue to the bridge over the Comboè torrent.

Approach:

Tour: (machine translated)
About 20 waterfalls, first part well equipped, in the second part the equipment could be improved and it is sometimes necessary to use the same ropes for several jumps.

Commitment
First way out at a rockfall in the first part.
Second possible exit at the soiled pool (see comments).

Period/ water character
August-September.
Estimate the amount of water well, as some waterfalls become problematic when there is a lot of water. Don't forget that a withdrawal above the lower parking lot causes a large part of the actual water volume to disappear, so check well above!

Historical overview
First ascent M. Rivadossi and S. Zipponi (08/1998)

Remarks
In the first third of the canyon there is a small siphon in a basin on the right, which can be overcome by an opposition.
The final 45 m waterfall is characterized by a first inclined part where all the water collects in a chute that is abruptly interrupted by a vertical. A few steps without leaving the ropes to reach the second watered part.

Return: (machine translated)
After a few minutes of walking through the canyon, you will reach the hydraulic structure indicating the exit. Use the metal ladders to reach the path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.7130 7.3510
Canyon End 45.7205 7.3483
Parking at Exit 45.7247 7.3481
Parking at Entry 45.7125 7.3509

Reports:

2020-09-28 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
A fascinating canyon. Impressive high water marks. Better for guided rappel. 2 ropes of 60 m each. Anchoring different. Video of the tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-ZeOOHvzZw Photos and GPS tracks: https://www.christian-balla.de/Comboe (machine translated)

First descent: 01.08.1998 by M. Rivadossi et S. Zipponi