Variola (inferiore)

Gola di Variola inferiore,Dagliano

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Bognanco		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 720m	**Altitude exit:** 500m	**Delta Altitude:** 220m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 13.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 1x50m, 1x45m

Summary: (machine translated)
Attractive rappel canyon - beware! The AIC advises against climbing the lower part due to the water catchments.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Domodossola, head west into the Bogna Valley towards Bognanco. After about 7 km you pass a long bridge from which you can see the last cascades of the Variola. Here you park one car on a path that leads to an old bridge over the Variola.\nWith the second car you continue for about 2 km until you reach the village of Bognanco di Fonti. Here you park at a bridge behind which a path turns off to the right in the direction of Monsignore/Monteossolano.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail and soon cross the Rio Rasiga. You then reach the small hamlet of Monsignore. Cross it and continue right towards Monteossolano until you come to a beautiful old bridge over the Variola. This is the entry point. If you only have one car available, you can walk 400 m from the bridge at the exit on the road, then turn right at an acute angle and enter the village of Messasca. From here, a somewhat overgrown path leads uphill in a northerly direction. Follow this to the path coming from Bognanco and walk along it to the right to the old stone bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the first rappel under the bridge follows an entertaining descent, which culminates in a 35 m - chute with a long pool. Towards the exit some nice slides and jumps. Since Aug. 2010 the ascent of the Variola inferiore was forbidden, because in the course of a controlled water supply there was an accident with 2 deaths. Although an ascent is now allowed again (see above), the Variola superiore remains the most attractive alternative.

Return: (machine translated)
Pass under the old and new road bridge and then in Torrente Bogna turn right (upstream) to the exit on the road.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1256 8.2247
Canyon End 46.1208 8.2264
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1210 8.2257

Reports:

2025-08-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
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2024-08-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) Enchaîné après le sup. Passage dans la faille magnifique, DC++ pour ce passage. Beaucoup d'attente à cause d'un groupe d'italiens devant nous... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

2024-01-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (inférieur) DC+Les points installés sont assez haut perchés pour les petits modèlesEquipement tout okCanyon glissant mais vraiment esthétique, qui mériterait une meilleure noteChemin retour ok en remontant la rivière comme indiqué puis pris à droite au kern (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2642/observations.html)

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2020-08-08 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
New chain for rappel guidé on the C35, at the bottom left a few meters after both stems. For rappel guidé, a 50-meter rope is required for guiding and at least 45 meters for rappel. On the C35, 30m ropes are probably sufficient for normal rappels (without rappel guidé) if the belayer on the edge is upgraded to a rappel anchor. Video of the tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhEJpjC35Uc (machine translated)

Parts:
Variola (superiore), v4 a4 IV, 1h20+4h10+30min
Variola (inferiore), v4 a4 III, 50min+3h+10min