Lerca

Rio Lerca

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Liguria **Subregion:** Genova **Town:** Lerca		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v2 a3 II	**Total time:** 3h35
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 300m	**Altitude exit:** 140m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 1650m	**Highest rapell:** 12m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (6)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
River with partly open streambed, but also narrow sections, with possible jumps and rappels

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
A-10 from Voltri (Genoa), exit Arenzano; take the SS-1 west towards Cogoleto, Varazze. The road reaches the sea after approx. 500 m and turns right over a bridge (Rio Leone). Immediately after the bridge, turn right and drive through an industrial estate. Not quite 1.5 km after leaving the SS-1, follow the road branching off to the right towards Case Soprane. Park the car at the exit of the hamlet near a fountain with a tap.
For an alternative access from the orographic right-hand side, leave the road branching off to Case Soprane on the right and drive up to Lerca. At the beginning of the village, take a sharp right and head straight on up to the campsite. Below the campsite, turn right, past a chapel and a ruin (left). You can park your car on the left at a water cistern on the right (approx. 1 km from Lerca).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the fountain, a track leads up to the right, which after a few hairpin bends then runs halfway up the orographic left bank of the Lerca. After 30 minutes you come to a junction where you take the mule track on the left. At the exit of a pine forest in a left-hand bend, where a mostly dry stream crosses the path, we continue for a few more meters. We come to a small wood; here a blue dot with a white background on a tree to the left marks the point where the tracks lead steeply down into the streambed of the Lerca (approx. 50 min. in total).
The alternative access is via a path branching off to the right from the parking lot, which climbs steeply at first and then gradually becomes flatter. The path, which initially runs high above the Rio Lerca, comes closer and closer to the riverbed after a while, and soon you can descend a few meters into the streambed of the Lerca at a side stream (approx. 60 min. in total).
The alternative access is scenic, but requires a strenuous ascent at the exit of the canyon (20 min.).

Tour: (machine translated)
Starts immediately with a jump (6-8m), then walking passages, smaller rappels, possible jumps again and again.
Escape option in the middle of the gorge to the right at a large pool (Lago du Mei).
The key point is a 7m rappel in the water at a short gorge with a clamping block above.

Return: (machine translated)
About 10 minutes after the last abseil point, you pass a small dam wall, where a path leads to the left.
Alternatively, you can also descend the stream for another 10 minutes, past some pools that are very busy in summer. A path crosses the streambed here. Here you can either turn left uphill via the hamlet of Valconara to the parking lot in Case Soprane or - as an alternative - turn right uphill to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.4191 8.6309
Canyon End 44.4115 8.6393
Parking Entry and Exit 44.4111 8.6439
Alternative Canyon End 44.4094 8.6379

Reports:

2025-10-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-09-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-09-29 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Be careful when jumping, some of the rocks are not visible from above. A beautiful tour in the sun. (machine translated)

2025-09-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-09-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca Petit gros débit gênant uniquement dans les désescalades. Très beau dans ces conditions. Par contre ce n'est pas équipé pour y aller avec très gros débit. Je devais encadrer en Ossola mais j'ai rapatrié mon groupe sur Gênes et c'était clairement la stratégie quand tout le nord est sous les inondations (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html)

2025-07-13 | sc8 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All in order (machine translated)

2025-05-30 | Michele Dini | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
All ok (machine translated)

2025-05-26 | thijs | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 📈 Emergency exit
nice start with good flow, but we chickened out at the C9. It looked like a big whirpool down there but it could be our experience as well ;)

2025-05-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca Cold Wind and No sun but still fun (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html)

2025-05-04 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We boarded via the route described as an alternative. At the entry there were 3 cars of an Italian group, our 3 cars just had enough space. Unfortunately there was virtually no sun and a cold wind. The canyon was nice and had some very nice jumps to offer. Way back via the water pipe path by the dilapidated dam (machine translated)

2024-09-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca Fait 2 jours après une grosse pluie. On a du chercher un peu les points pour éviter certains obstacles, sinon RAS sur l'équipement. Très beau canyon en eau! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html)

2024-09-10 | Marco Pasquera | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Simple stream with some nice narrow pools on a sunny day top (machine translated)

2024-07-04 | Miroslav | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Stands in perfect condition. We haven't found exit as mentioned in the info. We quit canyon at this location 44.4094081N, 8.6379326E (photo added).

2024-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-06-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca Portata "sportiva" e discesa molto divertente