

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: 4h35
Approachtime: 50min	Tourtime: 3h30	Returntime: 15min
Altitude entry: 300m	Altitude exit: 140m	Delta Altitude: 160m
Canyon length: 1650m	Highest rappel: 12m	Amount rapells: 9
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: Southeast	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.7 (7)	Info: ★ 2.3 (4)	Belay: ★ 2.8 (4)
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:

2025-07-13 | 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 whirlpool 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>)

2024-07-04 | 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

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html>)

2024-06-02 | System User | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca Portata "sportiva" e discesa molto divertente (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html>)

2024-05-31 | System User | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca Très beau parcours. Esthétique et varié. Le débit est correct +. Le passage de la goulotte mériterait une rallonge pour la déviation, notamment pour les petits gabarits. Si on équipements (deux broches) en hauteur RG pour éviter l'actif ou S7 sous les ancrages RG. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html>)

2024-05-18 | System User | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

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2024-05-05 | System User | ⚓ | ⚓ High | 🚫 Not done

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2024-04-25 | System User | ⚓ | ⚓ Low | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lerca On a loupé le chemin pour descendre dans le canyon. On est parti 50m en amont du captage(bâtiment en bout du chemin). On a fait la descente en blocs jusqu'à la première cascade. Balade en blocs magnifique. On a eu de la grêle et de la pluie. Bonne ambiance. Attention à la roche glissante. Très beau canyon ludique avec des sauts et quelques petits toboggans. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2648/observations.html>)

2024-04-20 | System User | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

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