Ferro

Valle del Ferro,Vallon de Ferro,Val del Ferro

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** San Martino		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 35min	**Tourtime:** 2h15	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1300m	**Altitude exit:** 1100m	**Delta Altitude:** 200m
Canyon length: 250m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m (2x50m)

Summary: (machine translated)
Open granite gorge; two rappels in the watercourse; good belay stations (INOX); very beautiful mountain scenery; large catchment area (often accessible only in autumn!); climbing at the last waterfall orographic left; clean water; second rappel right bypassable; exposure south/east;

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Domaso, take the SS38 to the village of Ardenno. In Ardenno, take the SP9 mountain road up to Val Masino. Directly before the village of San Martino (923m) there is a large paid parking lot (approx. €1./hour). To minimize the time required for access, it is best to take one of the small shuttle buses. In the high season, the shuttle buses drive people from the parking lot on the short road (SS404), which is closed to transit traffic, to the parking lot in front of the Ferro (round trip €4,- p/p).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the turnaround parking lot in front of the Ferro, you can already see the last cascades. Follow the cobbled road back a short distance to the small bridge that crosses the Ferro (check the water level; if the water is walking across the entire width of the bridge/steps, there is usually too much water for the second narrow section in the canyon! Possibly go around to the right or don't get in at all). From the bridge, follow the path on the orographic right side of the stream up through the forest. After approx. 35 minutes at approx. 1300m you are very close to the stream. Do not continue up the path to the left but cross briefly to the right to the stream. The entrance is below the material ropeway ropes and boulder terrain.

Tour: (machine translated)
The very open and south-facing granite gorge impresses with its beautiful mountain scenery and higher, smoothly polished abseils in crystal-clear mountain water. Due to the large and high-altitude catchment area, the Ferro is often only possible in the fall. There are two key points/constrictions in the canyon that can become unpleasant/dangerous at higher water levels. The first narrow section is only short but in a cascade with deep pools in the middle that can create a strong current. At the second narrow section, the water level must be right, otherwise it can quickly become dicey. If you are not 100% sure, it is better to climb up to a tree (with a sling) on the right. From this you can then rappel outside the water to another tree. From the second tree, rope down a sloping ledge to the last belay (see topographic view). Once you reach the last approx. 45m rappel, you will often be observed by climbers who have a climbing route here on the left.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last approx. 45m rappel, you leave the stream at approx. 1100m on the right-hand side. From here, follow the familiar hiking trail that leads down to the Schuttlebus parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2561 9.6340
Canyon End 46.2514 9.6381

Reports:

2025-10-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferro (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2979/observations.html)

2025-10-27 | Lieke Smulders | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
nice canyon with beautiful view of the valley! Anchoring is ok, we places a new hook half way an rappel (river right) , the previous hooks can not be used due to water damage. Very cold water at this time of the year

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2025-09-21 | Günther Schwarzmann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Only the lower part was accessible because all the parking spaces in Val di Mello were occupied. Perfect water level. The intermediate belay (30m) at the 4th abseil point is damaged and therefore cannot be used. Caution: ropes get tangled very easily. Take a reserve of rope with you. (machine translated)

2025-09-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
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2025-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferro Trop d'eau, débit estimé 600l/s. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2979/observations.html)

2024-09-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferro Properly equipped canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2979/observations.html)

2024-08-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferro Dc-. Bien équipé, peu d’eau. Tranquillou, canyon assez court avec une belle vue. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2979/observations.html)

2024-08-29 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon, well equipped, currently low water flow.

2024-08-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
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2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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