Variola (superiore)

Variola sup.,Rio Variola, Rio Dagliano

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Monteossolano		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 6h
Approachtime: 1h20	**Tourtime:** 4h10	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1140m	**Altitude exit:** 860m	**Delta Altitude:** 280m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 10.53km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.6 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (8)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
South-facing canyon - parallel to the Rasiga - with a beautiful ambience, but also a distinctly sporty touch.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the center of Domodossola, first head towards Bognanco. When you reach the bridge over the Torrente Bogna, do not turn left and continue towards Bognanco, but cross the bridge and about 350m further on turn left towards Monteossolano. We park our car in the large parking lot in front of the village (780m altitude).

Approach: (machine translated)
We cross the village and then take the trail "D4" to the (ruined) Alpe Pertus (1075m altitude). Continue uphill on the "D4" - roughly parallel to the Variola - towards Alpe Corte, La Balma. At 1110m altitude and a few meters before a side stream, an inconspicuous track goes off to the left and we arrive at a footbridge in the stream (1140m altitude). In various descriptions are described entries further up and further down.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the first pools and some walking passages, the stream begins to notch. In total, almost rappel, but also some possible jumps await us. At the dam, the descent is sensibly terminated, as the further descent to the entry into the lower part is only tiring.

Return: (machine translated)
After climbing the wall, we take the path that descends along the left bank. We meet the connecting path Monsignore - Monteossolano "D0". On the right we go to the entry to the lower Variola. We go left and so we come back to Monteossolano and to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1421 8.2198
Canyon End 46.1296 8.2202
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1268 8.2383

Reports:

2025-09-12 | Matteo Delfitto | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Long and spectacular canyon with lots of water and lots of swimming...the highest rappel is very adrenaline-pumping! (machine translated)

2025-08-09 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-08 | Alex54 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Challenging and very fun, with some breathtaking passages (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tiptop (machine translated)

2025-08-07 | Giovanni Buti | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Long, challenging and very watery descent, there are some really breathtaking sequences, one on all the 4 puddles with toboggan in a row, and another succession of beautiful rappels immediately after, maybe we skipped the first rappels but entered after a gully for a trail, finding ourselves immediately in the continuous part of the canyon. There are no escape routes, go in prepared! (machine translated)

2025-08-06 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-04 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-04 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
All good. Got in a little higher than indicated (machine translated)

2025-08-04 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-03 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Variola (supérieur) Tous les amarrages en bon état. Super classe. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2653/observations.html)

2025-08-03 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything ok (machine translated)

2025-08-02 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-02 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Everything was top notch. We got in from the bridge (a little higher than the standard entrance) and were rewarded with some nice rappels and great jumps. For me a great canyon, with great rappels, superiore jumps and unique slides. The 5-fold infinity pool sequence is certainly unique in the canyoning world. Car-car exactly 5 hours. (machine translated)

2024-08-21 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-08-16 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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Parts:
Variola (superiore), v4 a4 IV, 1h20+4h10+30min
Variola (inferiore), v4 a4 III, 50min+3h+10min