Viaschina Merigetto

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Varese **Town:** Maccagno con Pino e Veddasca		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 6h31
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 1min
Altitude entry: 1040m	**Altitude exit:** 550m	**Delta Altitude:** 490m
Canyon length: 2700m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 35
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 6.80km²
Season: July - September	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:** 9-18 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary:
The large basin of the Viaschina Torrent offers numerous canyoning opportunities. Here we describe the entry via the Merigetto Torrent, the first to be explored and the most complete of the three main tributaries of the Viaschina.

Hydrology:
Flow assessment: cross the bridge over the stream after the cable car station and descend on the left to the confluence between the Giona and the Viaschina to observe the final waterfall.

Access:
From the village of Curiglia, continue towards Ponte di Piero and park in the large parking area in front of the cable car to Monteviasco (46°04'22.8"N 08°48'55.8"E).

Approach:
With cable car: from the parking area, take the cable car up to the village of Monteviasco. Walk down into the village and cross it eastwards to take the path towards Alpe Cortetti and Viasco. The trail, initially uphill and then more level, leads progressively deeper into the Viaschina valley. After passing Alpe Polusa, pay attention: the Merigetto tributary is the first significant stream encountered. The first anchor is clearly visible just beyond the railing (46°04'05.6"N 8°50'35.3"E). About 50 minutes for 150 m elevation gain.

Without cable car: from the parking area, cross the bridge over the Viaschina Torrent (the final abseils are clearly visible) and at the junction take the right fork following the signs for Monteviasco. The ancient mule track, with its 1,442 stone steps, leads up to the village. Once in Monteviasco, cross the village and follow the cable car approach to reach the stream. About 2 hours for 540 m elevation gain.

Tour:
01- C25 (1dx + 2 dx)
02- C20 (2 sx)
03- C10 (MC 1sx + 1sx)
04- C15 (1 dx)
05- C20 (2 dx)
06- C4 (1 dx)
07- C8 (1 dx)
08- C15 (2 sx)
09- C25 (2 sx)
10- C20 (2 dx)
11- C30 (2 dx)
12- C5 (1 dx)
13- C12 (2 sx)
14- C13 (1 dx)
15- C18 (2 dx)
16- C15 (2dx + dev-7m)
17- C5 (1 dx)
18- C30 (1 sx)
Confluence with the Torrente Piancarossa canyon
19- C6 (1 sx)
20- C17 (2 dx)
21- C25 (MC 1sx + 2 dx)
22- C15 (MC 1sx + 2 sx)
23- C8 (1 sx)
24- C4 (1 sx)
25- C15 (2 sx)
26- C15 (1sx + 2 sx)
Confluence with the Torrente Rattaiola canyon
27- C20 (2 sx)
28- C6 (1 dx)
29- C6 (1 sx)
30- C6 (1 sx)
31- C25 (MC 1dx + 2 sx)
32- C10 (1 sx)
33- C12 (2 dx)
34- C8 (1 sx)
35- C8 (1 dx)

Return:
The final abseil is located just below the trail bridge. Once at the Giona River, exit on the right bank and return towards the bridge and the cars. About 2 minutes for 15 m elevation gain.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0682 8.8431
Canyon End 46.0737 8.8164
Parking Entry and Exit 46.0730 8.8155

Reports:

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Flow quite high, check carefully the flow at the end bridge taking into consideration that the flow doubles after Piancarossa confluence and doubles again after Rattaiola confluence. Replaced all the anchor points with brand new ones.