

Mondelli (superiore)

Mondelli 1, Rio Mondelli, Mondelli superiore

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Piemonte Subregion: Verbano-Cusio-Ossola Town: Mondelli		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a4 II	Total time: 2h55
Approachtime: 45min	Tourtime: 2h	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 1540m	Altitude exit: 1280m	Delta Altitude: 260m
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 50m	Amount rapells:
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: granite	Drainage area: 11.00km ²
Season:	Orientation: South	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.3 (10)	Info: ★ 2.3 (7)	Belay: ★ 1.9 (9)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 50m		
Summary: (machine translated) Watery, open granite canyon facing south. This upper part is less frequented and only secured with 8mm bolts, on which very tight chain links (ropes >10mm no chance!) hang. This description follows the book "Canyoning in the Alps" by Simon Flower, Mondelli 1 can potentially also be climbed much further up, e.g. in the canyoning guidebook "Canyons du Haut Piémont Italien-Torrentismo in Alto Piemonte. Spéléo Club de la Vallée de la Vis, 2015".		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) See Mondelli 2 (Intermedio)		
Approach: (machine translated) First take the same hiking trail as for the entry to Mondelli 2 (intermedio), but at the fork at the "Cascata" signs, continue right towards Alpe Corteveccio. Approximately at the highest house in Corteveccio, keep left and cross the open area on a small path. The path runs over a small, steep ridge past grazing cattle. Cross a short marshy area and enter the open streambed of the Rio Mondelli at approx. 1540m.		
Tour: (machine translated) Pretty much at the start, an open diagonal rappel about 50m long at the start, where we didn't find an intermediate belay. A few aquatic rappels and a perfect slide follow before you come to the last rappel via a huge garnit slab with washouts, from which you can see the bridge at the entry of Mondelli 2.		
Return: (machine translated) Either take the hiking trail back to Mondelli or continue with the fun Mondelli 2!		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 45.9841 8.0310 Canyon End 45.9784 8.0348 Parking Entry and Exit 45.9733 8.0403		

Reports:

2025-09-18 | Wolfgang | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

As always, the upper part is also very cool, anchors are still the old French.... (machine translated)

2025-08-23 | Manni | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Very nice parts. The first long rappel (2nd rappel) is almost 60m. Anchors at the belays are made of chain links (see photos). But all still look good (nut was sometimes to tighten) and the rope (9mm) was easy to pull off. Some of them have been replaced with rapid links. (machine translated)

2025-08-09 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Everything tip top. Wolfgang's times fit well. Mega tour. (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | Christoph Cramer | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Most stands are small chain links bolted on with body washers. Slim carabiners and thin ropes are an advantage. Super grippy and beautiful. (machine translated)

2025-08-08 | Bina | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 ★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Great weather, great canyons (machine translated)

2025-08-06 | Markus Jendryan | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

mega tour, highly recommended, top part 2h for the canyon. (machine translated)

2025-08-05 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

In the upper part mainly expl. 8mm with bits of chain, last time we drilled one new, weird to find a few years later still no improvements. One of the first intermediate anchors (2 bolts) left bank is also missing, but can be done in one. The short, steep approach for part I is a good warm-up for the lower parts.

2025-08-02 | Massimo Loriato | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

RIC 2025 All anchors points in order, mainly quite everywhere double points with french chains. Alpine wonderful environment, recommended 60/70m rope.

2023-09-06 | Wolfgang | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Today Mondelli 1,2 and 3 committed. As always a wonderful tour. Especially in the middle part, many stands were renewed (chain stands). We know the tour well and were well on the way in pairs. Upper part about 1 std Middle part about 1 std Lower part about 2 std A must todo if you are in the area (machine translated)

2023-09-03 | Patrick Summerer | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Very tight chain links on 8mm anchors, where ropes > 10mm do not fit through! A ring was drilled in a passage difficult to climb down. A perfect 10m chute rather at the end. (machine translated)

Parts:

Mondelli (superiore), v4 a4 II, 45min+2h+10min

Mondelli (Intermedio), v4 a5 III, 15min+2h+15min

Mondelli (inferiore), v5 a5 IV, 10min+4h+10min