Meltina

Forra de Vilpiano,Rio Meltina, Möltener Bach, Rio Vilpiano,Rio Meltina,Möltener Bach,Möltnerbach

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Trentino-Alto Adige **Subregion:** Bolzano **Town:** Terlano		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 III	**Total time:** 4h10
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 540m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 15.50km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 70m

Summary: (machine translated)
Watery rappel canyon in porphyry rock, slippery, impressive final abseil
Short swimming sections, mostly not particularly deep pools

A very beautiful and watery canyon with several obligatory handrails and passages that can only be mastered with good experience and mastery of the techniques (handrail, diverter, ropeway, relay); it is also not recommended for inexperienced canyoneers due to the always quite sustained flow speed.
The beautiful last waterfall, a vertical waterfall of almost 80 meters that splits into two descents, has been declared a regional natural monument and is a destination for many tourists, as it is easily accessible from the parking lot downstream.
It is advisable to walk and check the flow speed (see notes)

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From the Brenner highway A22, take the exit BZ Sud and take the Superstrada x Merano (MeBo).
Then exit at Vilpiano and continue on the Strada Statale 38 to the beautiful village, then towards the provincial fire brigade school (signposted, see map), where you can park your car downstream in the designated spaces (observe signs and prohibitions) or in the village.

Approach: (machine translated)
On foot:
From the valley station of the cable car in Mölten, follow the asphalt road to the right for approx. 200m. There turn left into forest road no. 1 to "Schol - Mölten", after 200 m turn right and continue to Mölten. After approx. 1 hour, near a group of farms, turn onto the asphalt road at a blue fire hydrant. About 100 m uphill to the first bend then downhill. After the long suspension bridge, after approx. 400m hairpin bend with the actual parking entry.

By car: From the parking entry follow the small path uphill in a few minutes to the stream.

BY SHUTTLE: Leave the town and drive back towards Terlano on the SS 38 until you come to a restaurant building (Terlano wine bar) on the left after about 2 km, where a road leads uphill (Via Planatsch). Follow the directions on the map (click on the link at the exit of the page) until you reach the beautiful Ponte di Ferro bridge that crosses the canyon: park in the hairpin bend about a hundred meters before the bridge. From here begins the barely visible path that will take you to the starting point in 5 minutes.

WITHOUT SHUTTLE: it is better to go to the park upstream first and leave your equipment there. From the park downstream, leave the village and turn right to the starting point of the cable car to Meltina (15' walk). Just past the cable car parking lot, you will find a path leading up into the forest with signs for SCHOL (see photo); walk up into the moderately steep forest and gain elevation quickly until you come out at some houses/farmhouses intersecting with an asphalt road; continue up until you reach the iron bridge that crosses the canyon and continue to the hairpin turn where the barely visible path begins that will take you to the trailhead in 5'.

Tour: (machine translated)
* http://www.canyoning.it/procanyon/meltina/Profilo%2520Meltina.pdf\n * http://www.ctgernstein.com/schluchten/moltener-bach\n * http://www.map-erlebnis.de/canyoning-topo/canyoning-rio-meltina-moeltener-bach/

The descent in this canyon is always continuous and sustained due to the good flow; there are descents that require good rope management, mandatory handrails to reach the exposed anchors, floating parts, some small slides and even considerable jumps (always check the pool first) and also a detour on the left at the sixth descent (useful with plenty of water to avoid descending into a dangerous mouth); there are also some rings at the base of the more technical descents to set up the zip line.
At the exit, the canyon drops with the beautiful waterfall of almost 80 meters (set back rigging, relay on the right at about -16 m from the start).
The detailed profile can be downloaded from the AIC website in the Pro-Canyon section.

This is not a canyon for beginners.
To check the flow rate, walk along the path that starts from the parking lot (on one side the fire department and on the other a beautiful vineyard) until you reach the stream; on the side of a concrete fence is the hydrometer (see photo): we descended it without problems at 67 cm; some guides report that at more than 60 cm it is better to give up: in reality, we believe that the sediment deposit on the bottom of the stream below the hydrometer has distorted this "historical" data and increases the limit. We returned with a decidedly "dangerous" flow and photographed the final waterfall and hydrometer for a proper comparison (see photo gallery).
Escape route on the right bank after the fourth descent, which we did not take and therefore do not know.

Return: (machine translated)

Immediately after the last large waterfall on the right bank, get out and after a few minutes you will reach the parking lot in front of the fire station.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5602 11.2371
Canyon End 46.5584 11.2304
Parking at Entry 46.5596 11.2369
Parking at Exit 46.5596 11.2257
Alternative Canyon Start 46.5732 11.2507

Reports:

2025-08-01 | Federico | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
All weapons in excellent condition. Beautiful canyon with spectacular final rappel. (machine translated)

2024-08-10 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
After the 150 ascents of the canyon this week, the canyon was nice and grippy and in good condition. (machine translated)

2024-08-08 | Giga | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Spectacular rappel at the exit! (machine translated)

2024-08-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2024-08-04 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Also walked the upper part, nice but the walking part after the second rappel is really tedious. It would be ideal to find a path to enter the third rappel. Some nice dips and slides possible. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/22020

2023-03-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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