Vajo dell’Orsa (superiore)

Orsa,Torrente Pissotte,Val delle Pissotte,rio Bissole

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Verona **Town:** Ferrara di Monte Baldo		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 3h15	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 640m	**Altitude exit:** 350m	**Delta Altitude:** 290m
Canyon length: 4000m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 25
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (21)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (17)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (19)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m/ 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
From the middle part very beautiful and cut; many slippery places; shuttle car highly recommended; many possible slides and jumps; rock chaos in the lower part; part 1 at higher water levels dangerous; only a few exit options but well marked emergency exit in the cut part of the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Torbole --> highway ri. Verona/Affi --> exit at Brentino --> drive into the village of Brentino (lies above the main road/water canal) --> in the village follow the road to the right to the old power station (ENEL) (first asphalt then gravel) --> at the exit of the cul-de-sac you stand at the iron gate in front of the nostalgic hydroelectric power station where you leave the shuttle car --> with the 2nd car you drive out of the village onto the main road 450 in the direction of Affi --> pass the village of Canale --> drive up the road in the direction of Ferarra Monte Baldo (approx. 30 min. from P1 to P2). Take the second car out of the village onto the main road 450 towards Affi --> pass the village of Canale --> take the road up towards Ferarra Monte Baldo (approx. 30 min. from P1 to P2) --> after the village of Spiazzi (place of pilgrimage) drive approx. 3Km to the second small group of houses at a left bend --> here you have to look for the sign Localita Fraine Basse on the right --> next to the exit mirror there is also the yellow sign with the name Vajo dell'Orsa --> if possible park your car nearby (approx. 880Hm).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot go to the entrance with the signs --> pass between the houses --> follow the hiking trail downhill --> at the tree with the sign 'Per la Valle' (hard to read) continue right --> you pass a rock face and a little further down you come to a fixed rope --> after a short time you are in the streambed (approx. 680Hm) --> follow the watercourse to the first steps of the tour.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the first steps, there is a longer slippery section with small toboggans before you reach the more beautiful part of the canyon. At the point where the canyon narrows is probably the most beautiful part of the canyon. There are several abseiling points here, most of which can be slid or jumped. The water here is usually very clean so that you can easily estimate the depth. The canyon is offered by clubs, so there are usually good chain anchors, bolts and several fixed ropes in the canyon. The middle section is very incised and beautiful. This is followed by a rock labyrinth where you have to find your way by climbing down and rappelling. The highest abseiling point in the rock labyrinth is approx. 18m (at this point the water continues to walk underground). A gigantic clamping block marks the final part of the labyrinth. The canyon then opens up and here you have the option of bypassing the next steps via a fixed rope on the left. In the lower part of the tour there is a beautiful cascade (10m/S10 +25m) and a 10m abseil over several rocks. After a short walking passages you come to point 1 which marks the exit. Here you exit the canyon right through the crevice (approx. 350m). The lower part of the canyon is also worthwhile (see Vajo dell'orsa inferiore).

Return: (machine translated)
To get to the ENEL power station, follow the clear hiking trail. After approx. 15 minutes and several stream crossings, you will reach the parking lot/power station at an altitude of approx. 280m. If you don't have a shuttle car, continue towards the village square and past the fountain on the right. From here, follow the optional path (countless steps) up to the church. At the village of Spiazzi, follow the road to the car (1 to 2 hours depending on your fitness level).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.6619 10.8603
Parking at Entry 45.6671 10.8556
Canyon End 45.6494 10.8634
Parking at Exit 45.6463 10.8696

Reports:

2025-09-17 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Rockfall in the block terrain. Slides in the upper part were all deep and the anchors were fine. (machine translated)

2025-07-12 | Ba | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
All slides doable, very very nice! 6 hours for two between access and return (machine translated)

2025-06-12 | Daniele | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
All ok (machine translated)

2025-06-08 | Alex Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
All good. All depth. Beautiful as always (machine translated)

2025-06-02 | Matteo Zocca | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Status of weapons OK All OK (machine translated)

2025-05-28 | Eric | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | 👎 Not done
Beautiful canyon with optimal flow, the upper section represents one of the most beautiful routes in the region, totally different than the lower part, many jumps, slides and beautiful environment. Good anchors, many fixed ropes in place sometimes in bad condition (machine translated)

2025-05-14 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Water level higher than normal which made the many slides more fun. This time we did the variant with changing cars, which I would not recommend, almost 1h there and back changing cars and then a tedious and slippery 40 min down to the entry. Lots of wild garlic along the way. In the gorge everything passes, this time we also did the lower part. 4.5h in the gorge. (machine translated)

2025-05-04 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
All kettle very good, great water level. Very nice middle part, exit bit of rock hopping. Not slippery now! (machine translated)

2024-10-06 | Marcin | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Good positions. Lots of handrails left by guides. Nabbed plates with numbers of descents. Clearly marked evacuation withdrawal after the first part. (machine translated)

2024-08-11 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ | Low | 👍 Completed
Shuttle not worthwhile, but access on foot is. Jumps and slides are easy to do. From our point of view rather an A3 canyon (machine translated)

2024-08-09 | Giga | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
all top (machine translated)

2024-08-08 | David Mason | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Excellent limestone canyon. A must-do. Just a3. Many abseils can be toboggans and jumps. Shuttle not required, just walk up, it’s a nice walk.

2024-08-06 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | 👍 Completed
Spectacular creek! Clear and abundant water, but gives no problems. (machine translated)

2024-08-04 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Walked up the orographic left side (habit), with a beautiful view of the monastery (you can hear the church service at 12 noon on Sundays). Surprisingly, the canyon is not slippery. Always beautiful. (machine translated)

2024-07-28 | Thorsten K. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
The superiore is very impressive with high rock faces and very narrow cuts. Anchors are in good condition. We were traveling with 2 cars and drove up. Condition of the upper parking lot poorly marked. We ended up in the stream well before the start but could follow the water to the actual entry without any problems. Wonderful tour and inferiore was of course also included. (machine translated)

2024-07-11 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed

Parts:
Vajo dell’Orsa (superiore), v3 a4 IV, 30min+3h15+15min
Vajo dell’Orsa (inferiore), v3 a4 II, 15min+45min+5min