Pilotera

Val Pilotera,Torrente Pilotera

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Gordona		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 3h45	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1100m	**Altitude exit:** 730m	**Delta Altitude:** 370m
Canyon length: 2300m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (7)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (5)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful single cells; clean water; works facility at entry; several walking and climbing passages; some exposed belays; several jumps possible with extra caution; short swimming passages; rather open canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Domasa (Camping Solarium) you drive in the direction of Chiavenna up to the village Gordona --> left behind the church you get at a cafe the ticket (€5,-) for the private mountain road --> then you go right. at the church briefly up the bend left --> then sharp bend (at bend) right --> next bend left. up --> follow the road until you reach the trattoria/bar "Dunadiv" --> there you buy another ticket (€5,-) for the mountain road to "Alpe Orlo" (1165Hm)(Pllotera)--> the road goes up to the right after the trattoria --> past the barrier the road leads over several serpentines to the small village (several mountain houses) --> before that a 2. Before that you can park a second car at the gravel parking place on the left about 200m before the road bridge that leads over the Pilotera (at about 820Hm).
If you have only 1 car, drive over the road bridge and continue to the material cable car at the houses of Barzena (about 950Hm) --> park here.

Approach: (machine translated)
If you start from the village of Alpe Orlo, you go up to the houses on the right --> there is a signpost with the signs Val Pilotera and white-blue marking (canyon) --> you follow this path past a fountain --> after about 15 min on the left there is a descent to the stream/water drainage (another white-blue marking on the stone) --> after the ladder you are in the stream (about 1100Hm).
If you start at the houses of Barzena, you take the visible forest path Pra L'Oste (1147Hm) --> continue towards the stream and cross the suspension bridge --> after the bridge, look for a suitable place to descend into the stream and start from the water diversion.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Pilotera is a rather open canyon that is also suitable for beginners, besides it offers a good alternative, if the Bodengo has too much water --> after the first 2 steps there is a blocky terrain --> after that walking and downclimb passages alternate with short rappels --> some rappels can be jumped after checking the water depth (a good jumping technique is a prerequisite) --> at a tributary from the right the canyon becomes more continuous and narrower --> at the sign "Pro Canyon" there is a short rappel place (narrow place) which can be jumped if there is a lot of water> at a metal sign "Pro Canyon" there is a short rappel (narrows) which can be problematic if there is a lot of water --> the canyon makes a 90° left/right bend here --> there are more nice downclimbs in cut canyons before the canyon opens below the bridge --> here is also the last rappel --> after that it goes over walking and downclimbing passages to the confluence with the Bodengo (approx. 730Hm).

Return: (machine translated)
At the exit (730Hm) the Pilotera and Boggia meet --> here you get out of the canyon before the stone bridge of Bedolina li --> after a short time and some stone steps you are on the road --> depending on where you parked the car back to the car

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2881 9.3346
Canyon End 46.2771 9.3467
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2785 9.3481
Parking at Entry 46.2873 9.3460

Reports:

2025-09-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2025-09-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera At 11h, around +- 500 l/sec (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2025-08-24 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Pool deep, jumps easy to see. The quickest way to pass the rockfall is orographic to the right. (machine translated)

2025-08-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pilotera Débit correct avant la prise d'eau. ~10l/s après. Énorme éboulement au milieu du canyon mais ça passe. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2637/observations.html)

2025-07-22 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Unfortunately, some of the anchors have been damaged. However, rappels are still possible on all of them. (machine translated)

2025-07-12 | MelKa | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Great tour with varied downclimbs and walking passages. Some extra effort - downclimbing through rockfall passage, but easily passable. Otherwise a great, scenic canyon with interesting abseils, beautiful pools & some high jumps. (machine translated)

2024-08-16 | Stefan Butterhof | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
There is a cliff in the canyon. The canyon is accessible. However, you need to allow a little more time to traverse the blocked terrain. The anchors are all in order. (machine translated)

2023-04-03 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Coordinates and description adjusted. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Ort, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/PiloteraCanyon.html und https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/2637

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Daten importiert von https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/55-pilotera

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2021-09-13 | Montie | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Lovely tour, highly recommend the ascent on the west side over Pra l'Oste, which is beautiful. You can actually start at the bridge instead of at the waterworks, which gives you a very nice jump or slide extra! Definitely some long stretches of walking / climbing over and through huge blocks. Quite tiring, but with beautiful parts in between. Video here: https://youtu.be/vPIG7f0U0kQ?si=IG_1BYtfCLmaaxcS