Gottardo

Torrente Gottardo

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Varese **Town:** Comunità montana Valli del Verbano		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 500m	**Altitude exit:** 320m	**Delta Altitude:** 180m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 17m	**Amount rapells:** 26
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 2.30km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 10-18 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (3)	**Info:** ★ 3 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (2)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary:
Very continuous stream featuring a long series of small vertical drops in a fairly enclosed and pleasant environment.

Hydrology:
Flow: The flow is almost never excessive; however, in the case of heavy rain, delayed floods can occur even several hours later, as the stream is fed by the Turegiun karst system (resurgence just upstream of the canyon).

Hydraulic works: Small aqueduct drawing directly from the Turegiun.

Access:
Downstream: In Cuveglio, on Via Sant’Anna, there is a parking area on the left just before the bridge over the Gottardo Stream (45°54'32"N 8°44'04"E).

Upstream: Climb several hairpin turns to Duno and, upon reaching the village entrance (Via del Dunello), park in the large parking area on the right (45°54'46"N 8°44'18"E).

Approach:
With shuttle: From the Duno parking area, continue along the paved road for about 100 m onto Via San Martino. After a house garden, a trail on the left descends to the streambed near a small aqueduct. Follow the stream for about 100 m to reach the first boulder rappel (45°54'50.8"N 8°44'06.6"E). Approximately 10 min, 10 m ascent (D+) and 40 m descent (D-).

Without shuttle: Briefly ascend the Via Crucis in front of the downstream parking and keep right to take the trail called Brevissima. Following this trail leads to a hairpin of the paved road. Cut across the hairpin and continue on the trail on the opposite side, quickly reaching the upstream parking (30–40 min, 190 m D+). From here, continue following the approach described for the shuttle.

Tour:
01- C4 (2 sx)
02- C4 (2 dx)
03- C9 (2 sx + dev -4m)
04- C4 (2 dx)
05- C4 (2 sx)
06- C7 (2 dx)
07- C4 (2 dx)
08- C3 (2 dx)
09- C4 (2 sx)
10- C15 (2 sx)
11- C4 (2sx + 1dx)
12- C8 (2 dx)
13- C8 (2 sx)
14- C7 (2 sx)
15- C15 (2 dx + dev -10m)
16- C8 (2 sx)
17- C4 (2 dx)
18- C4 (1 sx)
19- C6 (2 sx)
20- C5 (2 dx)
21- C7 (2sx + 4dx)
22- C6 (2 dx)
23- C13 (MC 2+1dx + 2dx)
24- C15 (MC 2dx + 2dx)
25- C3 (1 dx)
26- C7 (2 dx)

Return:
After the last vertical, continue along the streambed with short climbs and pools (sometimes stagnant during dry periods). Upon reaching the first buildings, ignore the trail on the right (leads to private property) and continue in the channel, pass under the road bridge, and exit on the left bank by climbing the small wall directly below the parking area. Approximately 5 minutes.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.9141 8.7351
Canyon End 45.9091 8.7344
Parking at Entry 45.9129 8.7384
Parking at Exit 45.9089 8.7346
Alternative Canyon End 45.9105 8.7360

Reports:

2025-08-10 | Marcello Pianezza | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Unfortunately, there are many logs obstructing the descent, but it is doable. I cleared a pool that became slideable again, and some others are climbable or jumpable. A mouflon carcass was floating in one of the last pools.

2025-06-08 | Massimo Loriato | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Medium/high water flow after a week with mainly rainy days, but anyway still suitable for our beginner/introduction course just by installing a couple of ropeways. All anchors in order and present even in every minor descent, but a lot of trees around and we had to install a new anchor point with a rope around a log.

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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