

Val Piccola

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Lombardia Subregion: Sondrio Town: Casenda		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a4 III	Total time:
Approach time: 40min	Tour time: 1h45	Return time:
Altitude entry: 900m	Altitude exit: 700m	Delta Altitude: 200m
Canyon length: m	Highest rappel: 23m	Amount rappels:
Transport:	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 2.8 (2)	Info: ★ 2 (1)	Belay: ★ 0 ()
Specialties:		
Gear:		
Summary: (machine translated) The Val Piccola arranges an alternative access to the Casenda.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) As for the Casenda: from Chiavenna we take the SS 36 for about 9.5 km in the direction of Lecco, Sondrio (that is, south). We come to a traffic circle (at the southern exit of the village of Somaggia) and here we turn towards Samolaco, Era (to WSW). At the hamlet of Ponte Nave we cross the Fiume Mera. A few meters beyond the river we turn half-left towards Casenda. We cross the village and meet Via Casenda, which runs along the foot of the slope. On this road we turn left until we reach the bridge over the Torrente Casenda. Here we leave the lower car. With the second car we go back to Casenda, then in the village we turn left uphill towards Paiedo. The road joins a road coming up from the north at 285m above sea level. Continuing uphill, about 500m after the 5th leftward hairpin bend, we come to the junction of the dirt road that leads to the lower entry at the water diversion. We continue uphill and after 3 more leftward hairpin bends we reach the village of Paiedo (900m a.s.l.). Here we park the second car.		
Approach: (machine translated) For the access from Paiedo to the start in Val Piccola there are apparently 2 possibilities. We have essentially followed the access description at "descente-canyon.com". Thereby it goes first from Paiedo in about horizontal to the south. After about 300m (and 100m before the first stream crossing - photo no. 5) the path branches (photo no. 4). Descending to the left, it goes directly to the Casenda entry. We stay to the right and gain altitude. We cross Valle Casenda and continue climbing on the opposite slope until we reach the ridge between Casenda and Val Piccola (at about 1030m a.s.l.). On this ridge we descend (photo n. 9) until we meet a small but striking gulch at about 970m a.s.l. (photo n. 10). Here we see an overgrown path coming up from the lower left (photo no. 11). Follow it to the right (photo no. 12) until you reach the streambed of Val Piccola (photo no. 13). The alternative access takes the track down to the Casenda entry at the first path junction (photo no. 4). Then cross the Casenda and climb - probably quite pathless - up to the above mentioned small but striking gulch (photo nos. 10 and 11). From here continue as described above to the streambed of Val Piccola (photo 12 and 13). This access can be traced on the following OSM map: http://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/46.2232/9.3855 The access we chose can be roughly perceived on the sketch in the book Canyoning Nord Italia (v.Duin) (page 162), but in this book both the sketch and the description seem rather blurred.		
Tour: (machine translated) 9 rappel to the confluence with the Casenda.		
Return: (machine translated) Either exit at the water diversion and take the forest road to the access road (Era - Paiedo) or continue the descent below the water diversion in the Casenda.		

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.2247 9.3824](#)

Canyon End [46.2281 9.3905](#)

Parking at Entry [46.2303 9.3827](#)

Parking at Exit [46.2308 9.4035](#)

Reports:

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Description and coordinates adjusted. (machine translated)

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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/22025>

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Daten importiert von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/ValPiccolaCanyon.html>

Parts:

Val Piccola, v4 a4 III, 40min+1h45+

Casenda, v5 a3 III, 15min+5h30+5min