

Oro di Cangeli

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Vercelli **Town:** Boccioleto

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a2 III

Total time: 5h10

Approachtime: 1h30

Tourtime: 3h30

Returntime: 10min

Altitude entry: 1240m

Altitude exit: 800m

Delta Altitude: 440m

Canyon length: 1500m

Highest rapell: 50m

Amount rapells: 12

Transport: on Foot

Rock type:

Drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation: Northeast

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 3.5 (3)

Info: ★ 1 (1)

Belay: ★ 2.3 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 70m + 60m

Summary:

It is a vertical canyon with a constant water flow, though reduced during the summer months.

Despite the long and steep approach (about 1 hour 30 minutes), this is a beautiful, aesthetic, and technical canyon.

The most interesting section starts at around 1200 m elevation and continues down to the valley floor; above that, there are other rappels of limited interest.

Hydrology:

The canyon carries a consistent water flow all year round.

Access:

Park in the village of Fervento (VC) in Val Sermenza.

Approach:

Walk along the provincial road toward Rimasco, pass the hydroelectric plant on the Sermenza river, and after a few minutes, take the iron bridge on the left to cross the river.

From there, follow trail 381 toward Alpe Chignolo.

After about 1 hour of hiking, cross a small wooden bridge reinforced with supports over a minor stream, then continue the final 3 minutes uphill in the forest along the CAI trail.

At a junction, trail 381 continues left toward Alpe Chignolo; for the canyon, keep right, following stone cairns.

Continue contouring just below trail 381 without losing elevation for about 5 minutes through the forest, until you must climb slightly — keep right here (a short exposed section). From there, traverse gently left and start descending toward the stream through rough, steep terrain (about 40 m elevation loss).

