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).

Tour:
A technical canyon featuring 12 rappels, the highest being 50 m, with several linked rappels, handlines, and a couple of deviations.
It is well equipped, mostly with chain anchors and rappel rings on the more complex pitches.
The section leading to the 50 m rappel is the highlight — aesthetically striking and engaging.

After the final 27 m rappel (with a high left-hand deviation and a difficult rope retrieval), continue along the streambed among boulders and slippery sections that should not be underestimated, until reaching a small bridge.
Exit to the right here and walk about 5 minutes to return to the starting point.

Warnings:
> Rope friction inside the small grotto at the end of the third rappel (C32).
> Rope retrieval issues on the fifth rappel (C28) due to vegetation that can snag the rope.
> Friction at the very start of the sixth rappel (C30).
> Jump immediately after the C50: shallow water, not recommended.

Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.8385 8.0547
Canyon End 45.8437 8.0682
Alternative Canyon Start 45.8377 8.0515

Reports:

2025-10-11 | Alex54 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
It is not easy to find the access point, fortunately there is a sign saying "canyoning" and then some ropes for a somewhat exposed passage...don't hold on to the ropes too much xche they are attached to saplings; last very steep piece we did with a rappel from a fir tree. The canyon is beautiful, a bit discontinuous but there are 2 nice waterfall sequences; the last rappel has a strong rub but we didn't see the diverter (machine translated)

2025-09-26 | Matteo Delfitto | | 🕮 | ⚓ | | 👍 Completed
https://www.gulliver.it/itinerari/rio-oro-di-cangelli/ Coordinates Input: 45.8380973, 8.0538647 Exit: 45.8429673, 8.0679023 Recommended ropes: 1x70m + 2x60m (machine translated)

2025-08-23 | Alfredcanyon | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
2 nice sections with 2 long boulder walks... The 50 m relais is really beautiful, a bit slippery

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2025-08-20 | Lars Glover | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
On gulliver complete informations Beautiful hidden canyon in the wild sermenza valley, long walk and not so obvious access, there is a new indication "CANYONING" where you have to abandon the main path to reach the canyon. The descent is divided in 2 sections with 10 min. walk between... some nice and unespected aesthetic abseils, also a 50 m rappel. V4A2III, 4h + 1,15 h approach.