Bodengo III (Boggia III)

Bodengo 3,Boggia inferiore,Val Bodengo,Torrente Boggia

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Sondrio **Town:** Gordona		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a5 IV	**Total time:** 5h10
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 750m	**Altitude exit:** 270m	**Delta Altitude:** 480m
Canyon length: 2600m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 36
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 48.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (7)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Massive canyon with high jumps, wild slides and decent water flow.

Clean water; deep pools; nice single passages; weir above Bodengo 1; long walking and climbing passages; power station with 2 water diversions in front of 40m waterfall; 25m "jumping slide" in the middle section.

Webcam with water level: http://www.valbodengo.com/d/phone/webcam.html

Hydrology: (machine translated)
High water throughput, very large catchment area

The 3rd part of the Bodengo is the longest and most watery part of the canyon, so be sure to check the water level at the lower power station wall! To check the water level, park the car at the exit. Bypass the power station on the right and walk up the steep embankment to the path that leads left to the power station bridge. Here you can see the water drainage and the cemented wall, where you can estimate the amount of water. For an ascent, the water level should be 30-40 cm below the cement wall.

Access: (machine translated)
On the SS36 from Lecco towards Chiavenna, just before Chiavenna, drive into the village of Gordona as far as the church. On the left behind the church there is a café where you have to buy a ticket for the private road for €7. Then go up a short hill to the right of the church. At the fork left, then sharp bends (at fork) right up. Turn left at the next fork. Follow the road (direction Pra Prince) and after a few meters and serpentine bends, you will come to a gravel parking place on the left at approx. 820m before a sharp bend on the right. After approx. 50m there is a no motorcycling sign (on the left) with signs for Mulattiera per Bodengo and Strada Carrozzabile per Bodengo.

Approach: (machine translated)
10min by car/ approx.1,5h on foot.
From the gravel parking place at 820Hm follow the road for about 50m to the no motoring sign. Then follow the steep hiking trail to the left down to the old Roman bridge. Still before the bridge, go right in the forest, down to the stream. This tributary (Pilotera) meets Bodengo after a few meters. Entry at about 730Hm under the Roman bridge.
Alternative: If you have only 1 car, you leave the car at the bottom near the power station. On foot you reach the hiking trail on the right side of the power plant fence over a steep slope. After checking the water level at the reservoir (on the left), go back along the path (towards the village) until you reach the first house of Gordona. Here the path D6 (compass map) leaves to the left. Follow this path up to the road. Then continue along the road until the gravel parking place on the left at 820Hm.

Tour: (machine translated)
Near the beautiful old Roman bridge at an altitude of approx. 750 m, we start right away with a rappel into one of the countless pools of great depth. The canyon is sufficiently well equipped for an ascent, but you should still take emergency equipment with you. At most of the abseiling points that run directly into the water, rope traverses or alternative routes have been set up. Rope retrival is not always easy due to the clamping blocks and cracks in the rock (risk of rope jamming!). The bolts are often exposed due to the huge amounts of water. Many steps/abseils can be jumped or slid. However, the pools should be well scouted out beforehand! (Many accidents occur when jumping/sliding. See Facebook page of Pascal van Duin, "Canyoning val Bodengo"). The only drawback of this grandiose and unique canyon are the long granite block climbs between the beautiful passages. The path often has to be scouted in the blocked terrain. The highest abseils are in the last third of the canyon, where you come across reddish rock (there is also an emergency exit here). At the last abseil points, you will encounter 1 obvious water drainage on the left side with a narrow grid in front of it (possibly suction effect). In my opinion, safe even at higher water levels. ! Only the current from the waterfall will push more in this direction. If you want, you can also get out here via a ladder set up for maintenance work. The 2nd drainage is located, not obviously, on the right at the exit of the water basin, under water.
The last 40m abseil point is right after the pool/cement wall. The rappel can also be divided (possibly 30m rappel + jump right down from the ledge). Then there is a small step and a 5m jump into the final pool at approx. 250m.

Return: (machine translated)
If you get out of the last pools on the left, you are directly in front of the parking lot (possibly shuttle).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2766 9.3472
Parking at Exit 46.2822 9.3666
Parking at Entry 46.2784 9.3481
Canyon End 46.2817 9.3666

Reports:

2025-09-20 | GoldenMat | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Pretty cold usually at this time of the year (little to no sun), but this weekend has been fine. Some fixed ropes are broken or pretty damaged, also the bolt to exit the narrow section is half out of the rock. For the rest all good.

2025-07-15 | Jackcachpot | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
Quite a lot of jumping and slides, but also a lot of downclimbing blocks. I like the 1 and 2 more. Water level picture attached from the bridge at the entry. (machine translated)

2025-07-04 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | Normal | Completed
Long day in there. Over six hours - with the swimming and boulder navigation really hurting our time. The anchors are all there, but they're only just okay. I was under the impression this was a popular canyon, and therefore would be maintained as such - that was incorrect to assume. Many many more bolts would be needed if it wasn't such amazingly grippy rock!! There are a lottt of features missing in the topo. Numerous jumps and downclimbs that aren't highlighted. It's pretty rare to get an easy V2, V3 hundred metres. The demand for at least a little attention is nearly constant. The Slide of Death was not as rowdy as I imagined. Its reputation must come from pure volume of people that *used to* go down in the old days where it was a guided section. However, if this is all you want, just enjoy Bodengo 2 and repeat the two awesome slides on that section a bunch! Bodengo 3 has a lot of good value if you like to jump, but it is quite a grind.

2024-08-27 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
We completed all three sections of Bodengo in one go. The low water level made the entire descent quite easy. It took us 8 hours from start to bottem with a team of 5 people. The anchor points were generally in good condition, though in Bodengo 3, finding them required a bit more effort. There are also fewer anchor points in this section, which sometimes necessitates climbing down. Fortunately, the rock provides plenty of grip. Overall, I enjoyed Bodengo 1 and 2 the most. The "Slide of Death" in Bodengo 3 was exciting, but there was also a lot of walking over large boulders, which made it a bit tedious at times. If I had to choose between the Bodengo Integral and Bares, I would go with Bares!

2024-07-04 | Felix | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
All anchors present and usable, some bent. A few handlines could be replaced. Overall a very rewarding tour (machine translated)

2023-09-04 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Nothing slippery anymore - the flood has swept everything clean Stands all good Unfortunately too much expectation due to the top two parts . The triple has but much block bouncing However, the slide must have done!!! (Or as we did - a fixseil left down and four times climbed and slid again) As a hint - you land where the water jet lands□□ This canyon in no case go when there is a lot of water, not narrow but often the danger of being fatally washed over an edge (you often have to cross the river to get to the stands) - at normal water levels but harmless (machine translated)

2023-08-05 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
You never have to abseil directly in the water stream. Inflow of Pilotera was very low. In the stream bed partly very slippery! With a good group of 3 we were through in 3h 45min. (machine translated)

2023-07-31 | Inga | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
All hooks ok! Top water level. (machine translated)

2023-06-05 | Wolfgang | | 🕮 | ⚓ | | Completed
All stands / fixed ropes OK ; Great as always , waterwise no problem (machine translated)

2023-04-03 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | | Not done
Description and coordinates adjusted. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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Parts:
Bodengo I (Boggia I), v3 a4 III, 2min+1h30+10min
Bodengo II (Boggia II), v3 a5 III, 15min+2h30+10min
Bodengo III (Boggia III), v5 a5 IV, 5min+5h+5min