

Usella

Rio Usella

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Verbano-Cusio-Ossola **Town:** Premia

Difficulty: very difficult	Grading: v6 a3 IV	Total time: 6h25
Approach time: 1h45	Tourtime: 4h30	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 1775m	Altitude exit: 775m	Delta Altitude: 1000m
Canyon length: 1700m	Highest rappel: 121m	Amount rapells: 49
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: granite	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.5 (1)	Info: ★ 0 ()	Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)

Impressive, majestic canyon. Not playful. Technical and continuous.

Only do at minimum water level.

ATTENTION: On weekdays danger due to blasting on the last rappel!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Maseria, take the 5533 in the direction of the Simplon Pass and turn off at Crodo. Drive up the Antigorio valley, Baceno and Premia and continue in the direction of Val Formazza. Formazza. Cross the village of San Rocco and park near a fairground. a fairground.

Approach: (machine translated)

Description for access at 1170HM:

Cross the large field to the south and cross the Toce river over the bridge. river Toce over the bridge. Continue north, a little further on take a path on the right marked Busin di Sopra/Alpe Groppo. Sopra/Alpe Groppo. The path climbs up the left bank of the canyon, is marked but not often used, with steep parts and rocky steps. and rocky steps. Take the path past Alpe Bochi at an altitude of 930 m and continue up to about 1180 m, where, near a rock face, you turn near a rock face, turn left onto a small, semi-horizontal path marked by cairns and runs along the wall for a short distance. along the wall. A relatively clear point of orientation after 50 m on the path is a huge tree stump. Continue along a less clearly recognizable path with some short ascents and descents, but the height is maintained. is maintained. When the canyon becomes visible, there are some parts that cross the steep forest. Eventually you reach a very exposed rocky outcrop at a height of about 180 m, from which you can you can reach the canyon with abseiling equipment.

Tour: (machine translated)

A difficult and challenging alpine canyon characterized by a very long corridor with numerous abseiling points, almost all of which are under waterfalls, with the canyon walls being less than one metre deep in many places. There is no escape route for the first 220 meters. The second part offers more breathing space and a few more escape routes, but is by no means to be underestimated. The exploratory routes are obviously the only ones you should use, and although they are in sheltered places, they are very risky given the nature of the canyon.

Entry at 1170 HM is 25 rappels.

ATTENTION: On weekdays there can be loud, rather disturbing disturbing explosions from the nearby quarry, which could be dangerous during the last rappel.

Avoid on weekdays or exit to the left before the last rappel.

Return: (machine translated)

Take the exit on the left and drive onto a small dirt road.

Follow this road in a southerly direction and you will reach the bridge over the Toce, which you crossed on the outward journey.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.2948 8.3925](#)

Canyon End [46.3067 8.3746](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.3005 8.3798](#)

Reports:

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