Prale

Rio di Prale

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Piemonte **Subregion:** Cuneo **Town:** Cantarana		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 2h35
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 910m	**Altitude exit:** 780m	**Delta Altitude:** 130m
Canyon length: 550m	**Highest rapell:** 12m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Attractive rappel gorge with water flow, but usually lacking in summer.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Turin on the A 6 for about 80 km in the direction of Savona. Leave the A 6 at the Ceva exit and take the SS 28 towards Ormea, Colle di Nava.
Head south past Garéssio to Ormea (approx. 34 km from the highway). Continue on the SS 28 and after 4 km - immediately after the village of Cantarana - turn left onto the S.P. 216 in the direction of Colle di Caprauna.
If you have 2 vehicles, park the lower one in the open area, which you reach 100 m after the bridge over the river Tanaro by turning left. Here you can see the opening of a tunnel that has not been under construction for many years. However, car thieves are also said to be at work here.
With the second or only vehicle, continue uphill along the tarred road in many bends until you reach an incised mountain saddle (chapel at the top left). Continue slightly downhill for another hundred meters and park your car in a suitable place after the bridge over the Prale.

Approach: (machine translated)
By car or on foot along the small tarred road on the right bank of the Rio Prale in a northerly direction to the hamlet of Borgata Lunotti. There, turn left down to the dirt road bridge over the Prale. Get in just above the bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)
Immediate entry into the gorge; uninterrupted sequence of rappels, only towards the exit running routes.

Return: (machine translated)
After the canyon has opened up, continue in or next to the streambed until you see blue markers (procanyon) on the right bank. Follow these, sometimes climbing, until you come to an inconspicuous path coming from the right and follow it to the left across the streambed. A few meters up this path on the opposite slope we come to a fork. If you have a vehicle parked at the tunnel opening, continue downhill following the blue dots to the car.
However, if we want to get to the car at the top, we take the left-hand path and climb upwards in serpentines. We pass an electricity pylon, at the next one we descend slightly and reach the old road (no tarmac). Follow this uphill until you reach the new road just below the saddle with the chapel. Depending on where you parked the car, you can either continue along the new road or take the dirt road that turns left before the hill with the chapel, then goes around the hill to the right, down to the bridge at the entry point and on to Borgota Lunotti. This return route is very pleasant, so you can easily do without a shuttle.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.1190 7.8985
Canyon End 44.1202 7.8951

Reports:

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