Val Bavona – THORS HAMMER

General

Sustained and great granit climbing. Partly clean and bolted. Recommended gear is mandatory. Great bouldery sections are switching with endurance pitches in different styles (overhang, corners, cracks and slabs). Especially on the crux sections the rock is perfect! The Route was openend ground up, according to a certain ethic (no bolt-to-bolt drilling, use of bolts reduced to a strict minimum, clean protection whenever possible). It might be the hardest route in that area (actually). 8b max, 7b/c mandatory. Thanks to www.scoiattoli.ch for the bolts!

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Park at the Grotto di Baloi in Fontana (Bavona, there is also a bus station). Follow the road passing the old village and later the hikers trail (for 25min) until a small abandoned hut on the left (ruin, with just walls). Approx. 50m after, start to traverse the jungle horizontally. Eventually you pass an old cable with a short scramble up behind. Traversing and slightly descending leads you to the creek. Traverse the creek more or less sketchy. A short talus field leads to the start. The Route starts in an obvious, grassy ramp which leads to the first ancre (1 bolt) after 20m. The last part of the approach has no clear track!

Descend

Rappel, 2x50m ropes work barely, 2x 60m is better! From Ancre 9 (60m) to Ancre 7. From 7 to 6 place cams to traverse the rappel. From 7 you get to Ancre 2 (62m!).









