Valle di Gnosca

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Bellinzona **Town:** Gnosca		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 IV	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 720m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 440m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: May - September	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 9-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappels, some technical and a few slides.
Little water in summer. Good when there is too much water everywhere else.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Biasca head south/Bellinzona on the B2 to Claro. In Claro, take the third exit at the traffic circle in the direction of Gnosca. After crossing the Ticino and the highway, turn right towards Gnosca. At the entrance to Gnosca, turn half left into Via Valerenche. Follow the road for about 200 meters until you reach a bridge. Park the lower car here and check the water level. Please do not change in the village!

Approach: (machine translated)
By car:
Pay the toll at the town hall, or at the Orello or Lessy restaurant. 10 CHF.

Follow the toll road towards Mondella as far as the hairpin bend before point 774 at approx. 760 m above sea level. Park your car here and follow the barely visible path into the valley.

On foot:
Back from the bridge, keep left and follow the Spontoi road, then turn left and follow the hiking trail. Keep left at the junction, cross briefly, then continue uphill. Once over the toll road, a second time over the toll road. When you reach the road for the third time, follow the road to the next bend at an altitude of approx. 760 m. From there, follow the barely visible path into the valley.

Tour: (machine translated)
Rappels, slides and jumps alternate with a few running sections. After the last large double step, which is divided into 2x 25 m with an intermediate stand, there is a 500 m running section, which can be bypassed on the right on a path. This is followed by three more steep sections // jumps.

Return: (machine translated)
Out of the stream onto the road and left to the car.

Coordinates:
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.2336 9.0205
Parking at Exit 46.2337 9.0203
Canyon End 46.2335 9.0186
Parking at Entry 46.2349 9.0050
Canyon Start 46.2337 9.0035

Reports:

2026-05-25 | RURE | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
very slippery but beautiful (machine translated)

2025-09-07 | stijn van de Ven | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Lots of walking, but it has a couple nice abseils

2024-09-09 | Noemi R. | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Entry rather difficult to find, after that everything is great. Rather slippery, sporty water level. Anchor points mostly double. (machine translated)

2024-06-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Gnosca, Wasserstand: "Mittel. " Verankerungen: "OK. " Teilweise rutschig zum Gehen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/?view=article&id=1113&Itemid=203)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2023-04-14 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Canyon created (machine translated)