Ticinetto sup

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Leventina **Town:** Chironico

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a5 IV	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1140m	**Altitude exit:** 965m	**Delta Altitude:** 175m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 80m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: August - October	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.6 (5)	**Info:** ★ 1 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 1.4 (5)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 80m

Summary:
Very beautiful alpine canyon with massive pools that you wouldn't expect at this altitude. Partially narrow gorge with a lot of water.

Hydrology:
High flow rate throughout the entire season

Access:
From Chironico, follow the road "in vall" all the way to the end. Parking lot with numerous spaces.

Approach:
At the end of the road, follow the faint trail that crosses the landslide and climbs up on the right into a gorge between tall rock walls. After the first section of the gorge, fixed cables allow you to climb up on the left. Cross the pine forest until you reach the bridge that marks the start of the canyon.

Tour:
The descent of this canyon should be planned as a serious undertaking.
The final rappel is divided into 25m - 80m sections.
C6 (1 right)
C30 (MC 1 right + 1 right)
C30 (MC 1 right + 1 right)
C10 (1 left)
C40 (2 left)
C25 (2 rigth)
C25 (MC 2 rigth + 2 right)
C80 (2 right)

Return:
Continue in the river bed to the start of the middle section (10-15 min), or climb up the landslide on the left to return to the road.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4100 8.8123
Canyon End 46.4115 8.8144
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4132 8.8179

Reports:

2026-10-04 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Short but very rewarding. The anchors are still very sparse, and some are in terrible condition. Adding a few more new anchors might be a good idea. We've added some information to the OpenCanyon page. It was very slippery in some spots today. (machine translated)

2026-09-15 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Good trip! Low water at the moment. Super beautiful!

2026-09-07 | Erik Birkhoff | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
This fun and beautiful canyon deserves a topo so I made one. In my opinion it is a beautiful line with a spectacular finish. A full on trip that combines high flow and vertical drops. I have made a topo after our trip in September which was checked by Pepijn on the 15th. It was all done from memory so the pitch lengths might be a bit off! If you have any comments on the topo please let me know so I can update it.

2026-09-07 | stijn van de Ven | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
We started jus above the bridge. We think the water is quite low now, and it could probably be done with quite a bit more water. It would then be quiet a serious undertaking, since you have to cross the flow a couple of times, and would have to swim some technical passages. We added 3 more bolts on top of what the other team did a couple weeks ago. All in all a pretty awesome canyon. Water level photo is just above the bridge

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2026-08-10 | Lucki ◫ | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
A very beautiful alpine canyon in Ticino with massive pools—the kind you wouldn't expect at this altitude. The canyon is narrow in places and has plenty of water. Today, due to weeks of dry weather, the water level was perfect for a hike—the canyon always has a lot of water. We had to drill 5 new anchors in the canyon because some of the very, very old anchors had been knocked loose or were too rusted. It felt as though no one had hiked this canyon in 20 years. A hike through this canyon should be planned as a serious undertaking. Warning: no cell service! The final rappel is divided into 25m and 80m sections. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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Parts:
Ticinetto sup, v5 a5 IV, 45min+3h+15min
Ticinetto int, v5 a6 III, 5min+2h+20min
Ticinetto inf, v5 a5 III, 5min+2h+25min