

Cugnasco (inferiore)

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| Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino Subregion: Bezirk Locarno Town: Cugnasco-Gerra | | |
| Difficulty: a little difficult | Grading: v3 a4 III | Total time: 3h2 |
| Approachtime: 45min | Tourtime: 2h15 | Returntime: 2min |
| Altitude entry: 430m | Altitude exit: 250m | Delta Altitude: 180m |
| Canyon length: m | Highest rapell: 30m | Amount rapells: 11 |
| Transport: Car optional | Rock type: | Drainage area: 8.39km ² |
| Season: May - September | Orientation: | Best Time: |
| Rating: ★ 3.6 (36) | Info: ★ 2.6 (21) | Belay: ★ 2.6 (33) |
| Specialities: | | |
| Gear: Ropes: 2x 40m/ (1X 20m) | | |
| Summary: (machine translated) Very clean and beautiful; a lot of places to slide, jump or rappel; the entry can be reached on foot, by bus or car. | | |
| Hydrology: | | |
| Access: (machine translated) From Locarno --> Biasca on the right --> in the village of Cugnasco turn left after the bridge (right camping site) and park on the left before the next bridge or cross the next bridge and park at the mill collection point (= exit 240Hm) --> at the boulders lying under the bridge in the middle you can read the water level --> if 3/3.5 boulders are washed over the tour is still possible, if the 4th boulder is washed over, there is too much water in the canyon. | | |
| Approach: (machine translated) Alternative from the upper parking lot: From the upper (small and unpaved) parking lot next to the small one, follow the path for about 400 meters, first a short climb, then follow the saddle. Alternative On foot from the lower parking lot: about 45min. From the parking lot --> left up the road, after a few hairpin bends you will come to the sign 'Agarone' --> continue up the road --> at the next crossroads continue to 'Monti Motti' and always straight along the road --> here you will come to some nice houses and bus stops --> after a fountain (on the left) you will come more and more into the woods.) you get more and more into the forest --> at the sign 'Via Medoscio' at about 450Hm (parking) --> from here you leave the road and go right the trail through the forest a bit up --> then down to the stream at about 430Hm (entry). | | |
| Tour: (machine translated) In this canyon there is always something to do --> right at the beginning you have several rappel (jumps) --> the short distances between the rappel or jumps you have to overcome mostly climbing --> in this canyon there are many variants to master steps (waterfalls) --> in the upper half you come to a large overgrown boulder in the middle of the canyon --> here can also be bypassed left --> after a short climbing and hiking passages comes a beautiful approx. 30m waterfall (left in the water, re. outside of the water) --> after good control you can master the next parts by jumping or sliding --> be careful at the 18m slide (very steep/li. rock) (if you don't have enough practice it's better to rappel here!) --> after the pool on the left, rappel over rock for 4m --> again on the right. hold and rappel --> now comes another 7m jump and 10m rappel --> climbing passage in the water --> short swim --> rappel 8m right and 20m left --> 3m jump left (! Caution) --> after a short swim it goes to the exit of the canyons which opens here and the bridge with parking comes into view. In 2022 all jumps were gravelled. | | |

Return: (machine translated)

Get off at the barbecue area/ slide brake --> follow the path to the parking lot.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.1838 8.9167](#)

Canyon End [46.1780 8.9177](#)

Waterlevel Checkpoint [46.1779 8.9177](#)

Parking at Exit [46.1768 8.9174](#)

Parking at Entry [46.1813 8.9143](#)

Reports:

2026-05-09 | Peisen | ★★☆☆ | 📖 | 📌 | ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

4.5 Stones washed over. Slippery in places in the walking passages. (machine translated)

2026-05-02 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) Ancrages en J. (Coller) Par fort débit, l'avant-dernière descente en rappel au niveau de la souche coincée peut devenir délicate. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html>)

2026-05-02 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "Tief für die Jahreszeit. 3 Steine überspült. " Verankerungen: "Gut. " Bei viel Wasser kann die zweitletzte Abseilstelle beim verkeilten Wurzelstock heikel werden. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-inferiore>)

2026-05-02 | Stephan Gehringer | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Top all anchors good (machine translated)

2026-05-02 | Timothé Zen-Ruffinen | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

14mm glued ancors/bolts (J ancors). Nice canyon 📖📖📖📖

2026-03-31 | Lieke Smulders | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

everything good! 3 stones washed over. Watch out at second drop, the 8 knot is not good to hang in!

2026-02-22 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Gut" 3 Steine und rutschig. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-inferiore>)

2026-02-22 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html>)

2026-02-22 | Bina | ★★☆☆ | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

3 stones washed over, more slippery than Progero/ Palme. 18 degrees in the afternoon, bathing suit temperature for running up. (machine translated)

2025-11-09 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "Mittel-niedrig" Verankerungen: "Gut" 3 Steine, erstaunlich griffig, sonnig im Zustieg. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-inferiore>)

2025-11-09 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) Also in autumn nice. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html>)

2025-11-09 | Bina | ★★☆☆ | 📖 | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Also beautiful in the fall. (machine translated)

2025-10-25 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

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2025-10-06 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Water level back to normal!

2025-10-01 | Elias Eberl | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 High | 🍏 Completed

5-6 stones washed over during the check at the exit. Good pitches, no problems (machine translated)

2025-09-25 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Crazy | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) We were there well equipped

Parts:

Cugnasco (sup-sup), v6 a4 IV, ++

Cugnasco (superiore), v5 a4 III, 50min+2h50+10min

Cugnasco (inferiore), v3 a4 III, 45min+2h15+2min