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:** 8.39km²
Season: May - September	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (54)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (30)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (49)

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 and20m 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:

2026-10-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Alle gut" Letzter Sprung gut (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-inferiore)

2026-09-22 | Martijn Poot | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All good, very slippery in places. Added a new maillon to the low water anchor at the last c12, as the old one was almost worn through. Could not get the old one loose unfortunately.

2026-09-18 | 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)

2026-09-17 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
After a little rain the night before, it was a super outing to practice rope traverses, rope slides, etc. Unfortunately, there was hardly anything jumpable. The belay stations and such were fine. (machine translated)

2026-09-11 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything in order (machine translated)

2026-09-07 | thijs | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
stretcher training day!

2026-08-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "Ca. 3 Steine + top gut!" Verankerungen: "Sehr gut" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-inferiore)

2026-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "Gut 3 Steine überspült. " Verankerungen: "Sehr gut. " (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-inferiore)

2026-08-24 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Everything OK (machine translated)

2026-08-15 | Hexig | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | Completed
Everything's fine—a little water, a bit less slippery than the middle section (machine translated)

2026-08-08 | 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)

2026-08-06 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | Low | Completed
with a turn, slippery, slipped underneath the stuck rootstock, and was able to make a high jump (machine translated)

2026-08-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) DC- comme dans beaucoup de canyon en ce moment. RAS. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html)

2026-08-02 | Joris Walch | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
Low water flow (1.5 stone at the checkpoint). Very slippery. Very few jumpable sections. S11 is OK, but S10 is impassable. We got a rope stuck in C30, which we eventually cut. So there’s a piece of rope left at the belay station. Be careful not to use it as a fixed rope!!! (machine translated)

2026-07-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Cugnasco inferiore, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "gut" 1.5 Steine (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1089-valle-di-cugnasco-

Parts:
Cugnasco (sup-sup), v6 a4 IV, ++
Cugnasco (superiore), v5 a4 III, 50min+2h50+10min
Cugnasco (inferiore), v3 a4 III, 45min+2h15+2min