

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	Returtime: 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: ★ 3.5 (42)	Info: ★ 2.6 (23)	Belay: ★ 2.6 (39)
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:

2026-06-07 | Marco Wahler | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📌 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🍏 Completed

Cool canyon, great for groups and training sessions. Lots of belay stations on both sides. Includes a basic course at Bachab (machine translated)

2026-06-03 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |

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

2026-06-03 | Patrik Bartel | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📌 | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Just under 3 stones, moderately slippery. (machine translated)

2026-05-31 | Lukas Bergauer | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Attention: no jumps possible (particulary the S10 and S11) as all pools are filled up with bed load !!!! Fixed ropes are all there.

2026-05-24 | RURE | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

There were no fixed ropes left. But everything went without a hitch. (machine translated)

2026-05-23 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |

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

2026-05-16 | Peisen | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📌 | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Still good (machine translated)

2026-05-15 | Sascha Schäfer | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📌 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Everything ok (machine translated)

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->

Parts:

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

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

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