

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
Approach time: 45min	Tour time: 2h15	Return time: 2min
Altitude entry: 430m	Altitude exit: 250m	Delta Altitude: 180m
Canyon length: m	Highest rappel: 30m	Amount rapells: 11
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: 8.39km ²
Season: May - September	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.6 (31)	Info: ★ 2.6 (18)	Belay: ★ 2.6 (29)
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 [46.1775 8.9172](#)

Parking at Exit [46.1768 8.9174](#)

Parking at Entry [46.1813 8.9143](#)

Reports:

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 extra bolts and drill and experienced. Team (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html>)

2025-09-24 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | | ⚙ Crazy | 🚫 Not done

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2025-09-21 | Joey CIA | ★★★★ | |📖 |⚓ ★★ | | ⚙ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Everything tip top, 3 stones washed over at the water check Pleasant water temperature (machine translated)

2025-09-06 | GoldenMat | ★★★★★ | |📖 |⚓ ★★★★ | | ⚙ High | 🌟 Completed

Decently strong flow after some rain the previous days. Done as plan B after checking Iragna. Anchors perfect. No shuttle, 30 mins from lower park.

2025-08-16 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | | ⚙ Normal | 🌟 Completed

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2025-08-14 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | | ⚙ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) beau parcours, simple et ouvert Très bien équipé, idéal pour réviser ses manip , initier des personnes au canyon verticale. Possibilité de faire sans navettes avec 25min de marche pour relier la fin jusqu'au départ à pied. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html>)

2025-08-14 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | | ⚙ Crazy | 🚫 Not done

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnasco (inferieur) Warning: Avoid disturbance through mass canyoning (11.08.25 - 31.08.25)After RIC 2025 big groups have been reported that cause litter at the parking sites, occupy private property, party loud after canyoning and park without considering access by local inhabitants. Local communities are already pissed! In order to avoid negative consequences and regulations please make sure that you act considering the environment and local communities. Please fill each car completely to avoid congestions in the parking lots, use alternative parking, be quiet, limit whistle signals in the canyon, respect local catholic culture by not undressing visibly and use clothing for ascent. Do not party after canyoning in the parking lots and remove your litter please! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2665/observations.html>)

2025-08-11 | System User | |📖 |⚓ | | ⚙ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Parts:

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

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

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