Lirone

Orrido di Osteno, Valle di Ponna, Lirone inf.,Torrente Lirone,Vallon de Lirone,Valle di Ponna,Livone

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Como **Town:** Claino con Osteno		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 V	**Total time:** 1h50
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 1h45	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 450m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 170m
Canyon length: 1200m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 12.50km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 12-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.1 (17)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (15)

Specialities:
Inflow,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Very beautiful, narrow canyon; large tributary in the lower part; several jumps and slides; entry possible just before the bridge at Claino; stream exits in Lago di Lugano (barbecue, bathing and shower facilities; half-day tour; exposure north; good protection almost everywhere with chain anchors). Possibly garbage in the canyon.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Large catchment area! Water level...see photo.
2 washers: Beginner, 1 washer: sporty, above really challenging but not unreasonable. Attention: As the measuring point is 4-5m wide, 1cm more level means a significantly higher water flow behind the confluence!!! Special mention should be made of an inflow from the "Intelvi" valley, which triples the amount of water before the last three abseiling points

Access: (machine translated)
From Domaso, drive next to Lake Como on the SS340 first in a southerly direction (village of Menaggio) Attention! Do NOT turn into Menaggio, but between the tunnels, do not miss the exit to the west towards Porlezza (Lago di Lugano) (no GPS signal). After some time you will reach the village of Porlezza. Here you turn left from the main road onto the SP14 in the direction of Osteno/Claino. After about 6 km of lake road you reach the small village of Osteno. Here you park the car at the large parking exit between the stream and the sports field (= parking exit). For the most interesting lower part of the gorge (variant 1) you don't need a shuttle car, because you can reach the entry by a footpath in about 15 minutes. Alternatively: Schuttle parking lot near the cemetery of Claino or take the bus!
For option 2 you need a shuttle car or bus. Drive up the mountain road (SP14) from the village of Claino for about 900m until you see a timber company with a timber yard on the left. Here you park the car on the left on the gravel road/parking lot (the road leads directly to the entry).

Approach: (machine translated)
(on foot: 15min)
Option 1 (15min): From the parking lot at the lake, walk up to Claino in 10 minutes or park at the cemetery in Claino. From there, walk 5 minutes through the village to the Lavaio (wash house). Shortly before, a path secured with wire ropes leads under the railing into the streambed.
Variant 2 (5min): If you want to walk along the Lirone from higher up, walk from the gravel road/parking lot next to the timber company (see approach) in the direction of the stream. You will soon come to the stone bridge that crosses the Lirone. Cross the bridge and after a few meters you will come to another small bridge. Turn left here, before the bridge, and follow the steep path past an old ruin down into the stream (approx. 450m).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Lirone is a short watery canyon cut deep into the limestone rock with beautiful rock formations, washouts and narrow sections. The entry at the top at the timber company is certainly a little easier (+30min time required) but with three small steps and unattractive, partly blocked walking terrain, it is not recommended. From or below the Claino road bridge, the route becomes really steep and interesting. There are several abseils (max. 16m) in the water, which can often be slid or jumped. The pools are usually washed out to a depth and should not be underestimated due to the water flow. After the last abseiling point, there is an approx. 80m long swimming passage that leads out of the narrow canyon into the wide open streambed that you follow to the bridge/parking lot or lake. Exit at approx. 280m.

Return: (machine translated)
After the bridge, at about 280m, exit the shallow streambed to the right over the streambed wall directly to the parking lot or continue to Lago di Como and exit left at the beach.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.9979 9.0829
Parking at Exit 46.0070 9.0857
Parking at Entry 45.9977 9.0823
Canyon End 46.0071 9.0853
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.0061 9.0848
Alternative Canyon Start 46.0014 9.0868
Parking at Entry 46.0044 9.0885

Reports:

2026-10-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone Magnifique encaissement, belle roche stratifiée et joli toboggan. Encrage RAS (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2026-09-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone Très belle canyon, dommage qu'il y a bcp de debris. Tobos et sauts super. On l'avait fait avec 6 (parti inf) en 2h pile. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2026-08-11 | Roe_Noerd | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The water is clean and refreshing given the high air temperatures. But I've never seen the water depth this low on the Lirone before. What was particularly striking was how little water there was after the confluence. This stretch lost its usual sense of gravity. Hardly slippery at all! In the area under the bridge, there's a lot of wood in the water—you have to climb over and under it—and the logs are slippery. (machine translated)

2026-07-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone C'est quand-même plus sympa avec un débit normal. Énorme embacle à l'entrée du second encaissement et eau qui sent la lessive après l'affluent. Un canard mangé par un prédateur et un chat qui n'a pas su retomber sur ses pattes et qui va sentir pas bon d'ici peu (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2026-06-29 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
There are quite a few logs in the middle section at the start, but they can be climbed over. Otherwise, the water is very clear and all the rapids are fine. (machine translated)

2026-05-18 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Be careful to enter the canyon with high water, if so make sure you create an emergency exit on the confluence. By hanging a rope of a tree so you could exit the canyon after the confluence. The first waterfall after the confluence with high water can be dangerous!!! (machine translated)

2026-05-04 | Ines Engelmann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Super fun canyon. Only hiked the lower part. Water very clear but cold. All pools deep enough. Wood jam at the beginning is easy to climb through. (machine translated)

2026-04-06 | MirkoT | |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Complete descent without problems is reported, except for a 4-meter-high pile of logs at the beginning of the lower part that is passed not so easily. (machine translated)

2025-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone Avons commencé 3 cascades en amont, équipé ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2025-08-18 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
As the streambed at the exit of the canyon has completely changed, the reference flow rate can no longer be checked with the nut. Now you can check the flow rate directly at the bridge. Some wood in the canyon in the middle section. Otherwise top. Picture water level = low flow. (machine translated)

2025-07-29 | rob | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
beautiful little canyon! magnificent rock formations, beautiful slides! big surprise along the lake. equipement very good (machine translated)

2025-07-17 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
High side of low water level. Running clear. About 90min car to car (lower entry point). Before the second creek comes in from the left side, we didn't get the rope out. All the slides were good to go!! Immediately after the creek enters from the left, the next pitch could possibly be slid, but could be... uncomfortable! Incredibly beautiful rock formations. A little dark at times. Super fun and easy canyon. Wouldn't underestimate it in higher flows - as there is no opportunity to escape. However, you could certainly push the levels if you knew the section well and were a strong swimmer! Super good, definitely worth visiting. Loses half a star for moderate levels of rubbish at