

Cusella

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Lugano **Town:** Monteceneri

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a4 IV

Total time: 5h35

Approachtime: 1h

Tourtime: 4h30

Returntime: 5min

Altitude entry: 1110m

Altitude exit: 440m

Delta Altitude: 670m

Canyon length: 3200m

Highest rapell: 25m

Amount rapells: 12

Transport: Car optional

Rock type: gneiss

Drainage area: 8.00km²

Season: June - October

Orientation: East

Best Time: 10-18 o'clock

Rating: ★ 0 ()

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary:

A route rich in jumps and natural slides, with some really beautiful narrow sections. Unfortunately, the narrow parts are separated by long stretches of open walking.

Hydrology:

Water intakes on the upper tributaries and a diversion channel before the final narrows.

Bewertung der Strömung: an der Sigirino-Brücke bzw. am Beginn der letzten Furt (5 Minuten). Angesichts der Strömung

hohen Durchflusses und des technischen Aufwands ist sie nach den Regenfällen generell zu vermeiden.

Access:

Downstream: in Sigirino it is possible to park for max. 24h in the parking lot on Via Vianco (46°04'48.8"N 8°54'53.8"E) or in the smaller parking area on Via Mastarino (46°04'56"N 8°54'48.7"E).

Upstream (shuttle): in Mezzovico you can set up a shuttle and drive up the paved road to 758 m a.s.l. (46°05'21"N 8°54'25"E) via Via Monti di Tortoi (municipal permit required).

Approach:

With shuttle: from the parking at 758 m, hike towards Monti di Mezzovico, keeping left to reach the last alpine huts at Garzon. Several fountains along the way. From here, follow the trail that enters the valley on a gentle traverse until crossing the stream near 1134 m, which is the canyon entry point (46°05'35.6"N 8°53'03.8"E). Approx. 1h, +350 m elevation gain.

Without shuttle: starting on foot from Sigirino (440 m), cross the stream on the north side of the village, then keep left to climb along the trail towards Monti di Mezzovico and the parking at 758 m. This adds another +320 m elevation gain and nearly 1h to the approach.

Tour:

01- C10 (nat sx)
02- C10 (1 dx)
03- C10 (1 dx)
04- C10 (1 dx)
05- C10+8 (1 sx)
06- C10 (1 dx)
07- C10 (1 sx)
08- C25 (1 sx)
09- C6 (nat dx)
10- C9 (2sx)
11- C15 (1sx)
12- C7 (2 dx)

Return:

After the last narrows, it is possible to exit immediately on the right bank via a steep slope, reaching the trail that leads to the upper parking in Sigirino, or continue more easily along the streambed until the bridge, where you can exit on the right bank and return to the cars in approx. 5 minutes.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.0931 8.8852](#)

Canyon End [46.0844 8.9155](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.0833 8.9128](#)

Parking at Exit [46.0802 8.9149](#)

Parking at Entry [46.0891 8.9070](#)

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