# Cusella

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| **Create:** 2023-12-22 10:18:34 | **Update:** 2025-08-28 20:10:46 | **Print:** 2026-10-31 01:10:37 |
| **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:** ☆ 3 (1) | **Info:** ★ 2 (1) | **Belay:** ★ 2 (1) |

**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

**Reports:**

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The individual parts are nice, but overall it drags on so much that you can't enjoy the canyon parts as much as you would if they came one right after the other. Just when it starts to get exciting, it's already over. (machine translated)