

Valle del Chignolasc

Bignasco

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino Subregion: Bezirk Vallemaggia Town: Cevio		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a4 III	Total time: 3h48
Approachtime: 15min	Tourtime: 3h30	Returntime: 3min
Altitude entry: 700m	Altitude exit: 450m	Delta Altitude: 250m
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 85m	Amount rapells: 11
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.2 (11)	Info: ★ 2.6 (5)	Belay: ★ 1.8 (10)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x90m		
Summary: (machine translated) Beautiful granite canyon with spectacular final waterfall; several sharp edges; many slippery spots; some rusty belays, some exposed; adventurous mountain road.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Locarno drive into the Maggia valley until you reach the village of Bignasco. Shortly after entering the village, turn right over the first bridge (Maggia), then immediately right again and straight ahead to the parking lot in front of the open-air swimming pool. Here you park the shuttle car (450m). With the 2nd car you drive back, but not over the bridge but through the beautiful village with stone houses. Then you continue to follow the steep narrow mountain road (not suitable for novice drivers.) to the church "Madonna di Monte". Arrived at the old church, there are several parking facilities (730m).		
Approach: (machine translated) If you only have 1 car, you can also go up on foot via the hiking trail starting in the village in the direction of Madonna di Monte (approx. 1 hour). From the church (parking lot), follow the gravel road to the last house. Then look for a suitable place on the right to climb through the forest to the stream (700m).		
Tour: (machine translated) The Bignasco is a beautiful open canyon. Despite the 2 high abseiling points of 70m and 85m, the canyon is very varied with several jumps and slides. Removable rope traverses are required to safely reach several exposed stands. Some slippery spots and sharp edges at the abseiling points require attention and rope-protecting techniques. The pools are usually deeply washed out and invite you to jump. After the approx. 70m abseil, the canyon becomes more continuous. This is followed by several shorter abseils, slides and jumps until the final waterfall at 85m. Beautiful views and curious glances from onlookers at the waterfall are guaranteed!		
Return: (machine translated) Exit to the right after the final waterfall and you will soon reach the parking lot.		
Coordinates: Canyon End 46.3358 8.6128 Parking at Entry 46.3364 8.6167 Canyon Start 46.3332 8.6189 Parking at Exit 46.3357 8.6108 Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.3357 8.6127		

Reports:

2026-06-06 | Jackcachpot | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

Not nearly as slippery as I thought. A few rusty anchors; they could use replacing. Otherwise, a nice stream with great rappelling spots. The 67-meter rappel is closer to 60 meters than 70. Dead chamois after the 67-meter rappel; it doesn't smell (yet). (machine translated)

2026-06-04 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Bignasco (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2655/observations.html>)

2026-06-04 | Bina | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ | 🍏 Completed

Unfortunately still quite slippery, but still beautiful. (machine translated)

2026-05-24 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "mittel"
Verankerungen: "Ok, teilweise schon älter...." Immer wieder schön, aktuell ziemlich rutschig. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco>)

2026-05-24 | Matthias Holzinger | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

All ok (machine translated)

2026-05-23 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Bignasco Very slippery, but nice. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2655/observations.html>)

2026-05-23 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "Mittel-niedrig"
Verankerungen: "Schlecht" Rutschig. Viele rostige Anker; Einzelhaken. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco>)

2026-05-23 | Bina | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

Quite slippery, all stances OK but some of them a bit outdated. We drilled a stance in the "channel" (before C67) so that the ropes no longer get stuck when pulling off. (machine translated)

2025-08-17 | Wolfgang | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ Low | 🍏 Completed

Everything ok ... just "a little" slippery (machine translated)

2025-07-27 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "mittel/gross"
Verankerungen: "Alles bestens intakt " Ziemlich rutschig (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco>)

2025-06-14 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "mittel"
Verankerungen: "gut" Teilweise rutschig, hinkommen zum letzten Stand dadurch etwas erschwert. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco>)

2025-05-30 | Christoph Cramer | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

Stands and fixed ropes all in order. We had a rope jam in the C28 and had to cut a few meters. We forgot a steel carabiner on the first rappel. Water temperature 13 degrees. (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "Mittel"
Verankerungen: "Ok" Vor dem 70er ist im Kanal immer noch ein Seilfresser...Vorsicht beim schnellen Abziehen! (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco>)

2025-05-29 | Bina | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | ⚓ Normal | 🍏 Completed

Everything is ok. Attention: Access to the C67 rope got stuck in a block of water when pulling it off. (machine translated)

2024-10-04 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | |