Breggia

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Mendrisio **Town:** Breggia		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 III	**Total time:** 2h25
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 390m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 110m
Canyon length: 1200m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 47.00km²
Season: July - September	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 25m

Summary:
Short but rewarding canyon, with high water flow and unique geology.

Hydrology:
Do not underestimate water cause there are some narrow sections.

Access:

Approach:

Tour:
Really pleasant with several jumps at the begin and in the middle.
Quite everywere single points, some of them missing; to be considered explorative and bring some safety equipment cause high water can often take away anchor points.
Very beautiful geology in the final part.

Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.8654 9.0222
Canyon End 45.8566 9.0130
Parking at Entry 45.8630 9.0226
Parking at Exit 45.8503 9.0112

Reports:

2026-08-12 | Roe_Noerd | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very low water level. At the narrow part near the entry under the bridge, the cool, fresh water was still flowing abundantly. The long part of the river was completely dry. As the canyon narrowed again, there was flowing water once more, but the pools were increasingly overgrown with algae. The water quality left something to be desired. All the anchors were in good condition, though some were a bit old. (machine translated)

2026-07-30 | Massimo Loriato | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Low expectation cause in the final part the water goes under the sand and seems quite absent, also at the beginning it is pretty dry but after a water station the real flow begins and also the canyon too. Do not underestimate water cause there are some narrow sections. Really pleasant with several jumps at the begin and in the middle (we jumped 4 out of 8 overall pitches). Quite everywere single points, some of them missing and we integrated one necessary in the initial part and doubled one in the final part; to be considered explorative and bring some safety equipment cause high water can often take away anchor points. Very beautiful geology in the final part. Values (https://www.hydrodaten.admin.ch/it/seen-und-fluesse/messstationen-zustand) for Breggia - Chiasso, Ponte di Polenta 2349: - level 250.29 - flow 0.045 m^3/s