Malvaglia - Orino (Superiore)

Malvaglia superiore,Orino

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Blenio **Town:** Malvaglia		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h50
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 790m	**Altitude exit:** 580m	**Delta Altitude:** 210m
Canyon length: 1800m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** 6.00km²
Season: May - September	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 10-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (11)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (9)

Specialities:
Siphon, Dam (inform operator),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Forest gorge in granite with many slides and possible jumps. Good for larger groups. Also popular with commercial visitors.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Biasca, drive north to the village of Malvaglia (second entrance). There are small parking facilities for the shuttle car right by the bridge (only necessary if you do the upper and lower part or lower part of the gate). In the village (approx. 100m before the stream) a mountain road branches off quite high up to the houses of Tagnugna (signs Val Malvaglia and Pontirone). After a few hairpin bends, at 591m there is a sharp right-hand bend with a bench and parking for 3-4 cars. This is the parking exit (shuttle car) for the upper part of the canyon. With the second car, continue up to the two bridges (wooden and stone) at Malvaglia/Chiesa at 825m. There is parking for several cars directly in front of the wooden bridge. (Alternatively, you can hike up to the entry via a hiking trail (Ponte Laù, Pontei, Sciarcel) on the orographic right side of the gorge for approx. 1.5 hours from the exit bridge/bend at Tagnugna where the car is parked).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot at the two bridges (825m), follow the mountain road for about 150m until you reach an inconspicuous, very steep path on the left (partly fixed ropes), which soon leads down to the stream (790m).

Tour: (machine translated)
In contrast to the more aquatic and technical lower section, the upper part of the Malvaglia is very entertaining and offers canyoneers several opportunities to jump, slide or rappel. This part is also often done commercially or as an alternative when other canyons have too much water. With the exception of a few places, there is usually no need for ropes. The siphon (clamping block) at the end of the Malvaglia superiore can be easily climbed over using fixed ropes and is usually not a problem. After the siphon there is a part with boulder terrain and a small 3m jump.

Return: (machine translated)
To get out of the canyon before the lower part (Malvaglia inferiore), look out for a steep path on the left side of the canyon by the water pipes. This path then leads up to the stone bridge. !!!Attention!!! From the stone bridge the lower part begins (2x50m rappels necessary! See Malvaglia inferiore). From the stone bridge turn left back to the parking lot (shuttle car) at the houses of Tagnugna.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4186 9.0085
Canyon End 46.4099 8.9892
Parking at Exit 46.4075 8.9891
Parking at Entry 46.4175 9.0075
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.4108 8.9829
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.4099 8.9889

Reports:

2026-09-11 | thijs | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
low water levels, too much scrambling.

2026-08-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) Un peux vaseux haut pas très claire.p (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21795/observations.html)

2026-06-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Tief. " Verankerungen: "Gut. " Beim großen Stein eingestiegen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia)

2025-10-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) On est rentré à l’entrée des guides suisses. Se garer au bout de la route après le pont en bois à la sortie du village de pontei sur l’ign suisse. Ensuite à pied revenir à l’entrée du village et descendre par une sente difficile à trouver qui serpente entre les barres rocheuses pour nous emmener directement au r8/s8 ou s15 du gros bloc. (pas assez de fond pour faire le s15 actuellement) Ça évite la première partie de marche du canyon. Ça s’enchaîne bien derrière mais une grande partie de marche est quand même présente au milieu de cette partie. Partie sup de ce Canyon peu interessante comparé à d’autre canyon voisin. Des algues présentes dans les vasques mais le débit était correct et l’eau non stagnante. Ça glisse beaucoup par contre, certainement dû au barrage en amont. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21795/observations.html)

2025-09-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) Dc+Équipement rasLongue marche au début. La suite est sympa (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21795/observations.html)

2025-09-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "i.O. Maillon gewechselt 1. C18 inferiore " Superiore und Inferiore gemacht (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia)

2025-09-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) DC+La fin de la partie haute est sympa, il faudrait pouvoir eviter la longue partie de marche du haut (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21795/observations.html)

2025-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Gut" Liegt ein grosser Baum beim R15/S10 im Wasser, sind von der Seite etwas oberhalb von Pontei eingestiegen (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia)

2025-08-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) De beaux obstacles mais marches assez longue dans partie supp. . Certains endroits sont très glissant (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21795/observations.html)

2025-07-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "gut" sehr rutschig, viel Holz und Algen, wurde länger nicht gespühlt (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia)

2025-06-16 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Slides and jumps doable. Lots of walking and swimming. (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21795/observations.html)

Parts:
Malvaglia - Orino (Superiore), v3 a3 III, 5min+3h30+15min
Malvaglia - Orino (Inferiore), v4 a4 III, 15min+2h30+5min