

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: 6.00km ²
Season: May - September	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time: 10-14 o clock
Rating: ★ 3.5 (8)	Info: ★ 2.4 (5)	Belay: ★ 2.9 (7)
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, Ponteì, 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:

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>)

2025-05-25 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "tief"
Verankerungen: "i.O." etwas Rutschig S15 Pool zu wenig tief / S8 möglich (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia>)

2025-05-21 | Noemi R. | ★★☆☆ | 📖 | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Rather slippery, anchors and fixed ropes OK. (machine translated)

2024-09-15 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
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2024-09-07 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Niedrig"
Verankerungen: "Alles i.o." (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia>)

2024-09-06 | Clarissa Linder | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Everything ok so far. Slippery. (machine translated)

2024-09-02 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "niedrig"
Verankerungen: "gut (inox)" Der Siphon im intermedio Abschnitt ist wieder holzfrei. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1077-orino-superiore-val-malvaglia>)

2024-08-22 | Peter | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Very nice. Anchors in good order. Normal range. Less slippery than the lower part. (machine translated)

2024-06-23 | Horst Lambauer | ★★☆☆ | 📖 | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Went on a guided tour with Lucky. Stands tip top. We did a part of com inferiore and then got off after the 30m rappel under the bridge and the following slide ortographic left. There are anchors and new fixed ropes. You come out directly at the patkplatz and do not need a shuttle car. (machine translated)

2024-06-01 | Marcel | ★★☆☆ | 📖 ★★ | 📌 ★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed
On the approach from Bellinzona, the navigation device always sends us through the village with extremely narrow passages. Not passable for larger vehicles. Drive around the outside via the main road. We had to search a bit for the entry. Follow the road from the parking lot and follow the somewhat hidden path down to the canyon behind a house. Do not cross the bridge from the parking lot! (machine translated)

2024-05-31 | 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>)

2024-05-12 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino superiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Normal wenig"
Verankerungen: "Ok" Recht griffig und wenig holz in der schlucht (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/?view=article&id=1077&Itemid=203>)

2024-05-11 | System User | 📖 | 📌 | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (supérieur I+II) Beaux sauts et longues marche, on a enchaîné avec l'inférieure ce qui fait une canyon complet (sauts, Tobbogans, beaux rappels, marches ... (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