Pittorina

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Gambarogno		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 5h50
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1240m	**Altitude exit:** 835m	**Delta Altitude:** 405m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 32
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (1)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary:
Among the canyons in the area, it has the easiest access. Nevertheless, it is no lacking in interest.

Hydrology:
Water Flow generally low at the entrance. As you descend, numerous tributaries contribute to significantly increasing the flow rate.

Access:
Downstream access: Going up Val Veddasca, cross the Italy–Switzerland border along Via Cantonale and, just before the village of Indemini, take a road that descends to the right (Stráda da G'ésa) following the sign for the church of San Bartolomeo. After two hairpin bends, keep descending straight ahead until the end of Via I Prèd, where there are some free parking spots before the dirt road begins (46°05'40.0"N 8°49'37.4"E).

Upstream access: Return to Via Cantonale and continue up Val Veddasca to Monti Idacca. Just below the village (Via Indemini) there are some free parking spaces on the right (46°06'08.4"N 8°50'34.3"E).

Approach:
From the Monti Idacca parking area, briefly continue uphill on the paved road until you find, on the right, the trail to Monti Sciaga and Alpe di Montoia. Pass the first two tributaries. At the junction, keep left and climb toward Alpe di Montoia untill reaching the main stream. Alternatively, keep right at the junction to skip the first 3 small waterfalls.

Tour:
01- C15 (1 dx)
02- C7 (1 sx)
03- C5 (1 sx)
lower trail
04- C6 (1 dx)
05- C4 (1 sx)
06- C6 (1 dx)
07- C15 (nat sx)
08- C15 (1 sx)
09- C12 (1 dx)
10- C8 (1 sx)
11- C10 (nat dx)
Right-bank tributary
12- C8 (1 sx)
13- C7 (1 sx)
14- C15 (1 sx)
15- C4 (1 dx)
old trail for a possible exit
16- C18 (1 dx)
17- C8 (1 dx)
18- C10 (1 sx)
19- C25 (1 sx)
20- C10 (1 sx)
21- C12 (1 sx)
22- C8 (1 dx)
23- C8 (1 sx)
24- C7 (1 sx)
25- C6 (1 sx)
26- C12 (1 sx)
27- C20 (2 sx)
Left-bank tributary (Valle della Grassa di Dentro)
28- C12 (1 dx)
29- C20 (1 dx + dev sx)
30- C30 (nat sx)
Left-bank tributary
31- C10 (1 sx)
Right-bank tributary (Torrente Strecchia)
32- C15 (1 sx)
Lido Badi

Return:
After abseiling the last waterfall at the 'Lido Badi' area, exit on the left and take the path that leads to the bridge over the Giona River. Cross the bridge and hike up towards Alpe Bolletta and Indemini back to the cars.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1017 8.8518
Canyon End 46.0972 8.8373
Parking at Exit 46.0944 8.8271
Parking at Entry 46.1024 8.8430
Alternative Canyon Start 46.1015 8.8508

Reports:

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The water flow at the start is very low. As you go down, it increases, as does the beauty of the trail. Excellent traction in the upper section; it gets a bit more slippery toward the bottom. (machine translated)

Parts:
Pittorina, v4 a3 III, 20min+5h+30min
Giona, v4 a4 III, 15min+4h+50min