Combra (Val Malvaglia)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Blenio **Town:** Malvaglia		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 2h55
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 2h15	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1135m	**Altitude exit:** 990m	**Delta Altitude:** 145m
Canyon length: 450m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 6
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: July - September	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.1 (20)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (17)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Very aquatic; clean cold mountain water; only single pitons; beautiful partly slippery granite rock; emergency exit at the beginning and at the end; super high speed slide (20 m; be careful!); rather short canyons little used.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Biasca ri Malvaglia/ Motto (Val di Blenio) --> at the 2nd entrance right into the village Malvaglia Chiesa --> in the village ri. North (several sleepers approx. 700m) to a fork (Pontirone) --> the steep mountain road over several Zerpen- tinenkurven up to a road fork (stone arch) --> here you follow the road course left, past the barrier and further up to the huge dam wall --> at the upper edge is a parking lot (approx. 990Hm).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot over the dam through the tunnel --> after the tunnel immediately 360° left up the trail --> over a bridge and past the house --> the entry is at the 2nd bridge (over the stream) at about 1135Hm.

Tour: (machine translated)
Immediately after the bridge you have the first rappel C20 (water level control) --> this place can also be bypassed right --> a cascade follows the right of the tree first R15 rappel and 4 m can be slid --> should be here already too much water, you can break off at the beginning --> now follow some jumps and slides which are to be enjoyed with caution --> the pools are crystal clear but you can't always see the depth because of the white water --> the canyon is a lot of fun especially for those who like jumping and sliding in an aquatic environment --> the highlight in the canyon is the 20m slide with flying descent (see topographic view --> after the big slide (resp. rappel) it goes mostly only descending with small jump and rappel places --> one has shortly after the slide the possibility to exit left or to go to the reservoir at the big funnel and exit left at the railing (ca.990Hm).

Return: (machine translated)
From the trail back through the tunnel over the dam wall in a short time back to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4184 9.0266
Canyon End 46.4207 9.0236
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4242 9.0184
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.4180 9.0269

Reports:

2026-09-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-09-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
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2026-09-04 | Marco | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Optimal water flow. Anchors in good condition. A short and very scenic alpine ravine. We thought the water would flow faster, but it actually holds much more water than the Boggera, even though it’s much more open. Upon reaching the 20-meter slide, one person from a group of four ahead of us broke his ankle, and we had to evacuate him. He was lucky because there were 20 of us, and we got him out through the escape route before the rocky chaos. We hope he recovers and that it isn’t too serious. (machine translated)

2026-08-19 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
The ride was too short—the drive there and back took almost as long. Definitely one of the wildest slides I know; it's hard to keep your body tense with that kicker at the exit. My neck and shoulders were sore for at least a week. (machine translated)

2026-08-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-08-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Combra Dc-Équipement ras (monopoints sur gougeons) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2658/observations.html)

2026-08-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Combra Équipement ok Petite dépollution de vieilles cordes (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2658/observations.html)

2026-08-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Combra Belle découverte que ceVal Combra ou la fraîcheur de l’eau contrastait avec la température caniculaire même si la descente se fait essentiellement sous couvert forestier…Équipement minimaliste mais qui fait le job…Le canyon est quelques peu glissant, on a pu envoyer quelques sauts dans des casques émeraudes après vérification d’usage…Approche en 25/30’ sans forcer sur une large piste assez raide…Pour le retour une fois arrivés en bout de lac vous trouverez une corde rouge en fixe sur la barrière à gauche du déversoir… (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2658/observations.html)

2026-08-13 | Roe_Noerd | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The water level is perfect, though it has a bit of depth for the Combra. Still, it’s pretty cool. All the anchors are in good shape. All the jumps and slides are doable. It’s relatively slippery in the stream bed. (machine translated)

2026-08-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Combra Toboggan de folies (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2658/observations.html)

2026-08-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Combra Beau parcours dans une ambiance sauvage, avec un tob de 20m qui vaut le déplacement. Débit faible mais joueur (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2658/observations.html)

2026-08-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-08-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed