Censo

Riale di Censo,Scubiago

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Bellinzona **Town:** Claro		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 III	**Total time:** 6h35
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 770m	**Altitude exit:** 270m	**Delta Altitude:** 500m
Canyon length: 1100m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 5.00km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 11-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (20)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (12)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (18)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Several high rappel which are also divisible; beautiful washed out chutes; arrival basin not always visible; cut 40m rappel in the lower part; rather longer tour; some sharp edges; several short walking and climbing passages, in the middle part beautiful view, worthwhile tour with small groups.

Several longer slides (20 & 18, very hard).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the highway junction (Gotthard/Bernardino) north of Bellinzona, head north on the N 2 via Claro to Scubiago (5.5 km). In Scubiago, turn right off the N 2 just before the bridge over the Riale di Censo and after about 350 m you reach the stream again. Here you can park your car (on the other side of the bridge is the "Al Censo" campsite) and you can also take a second car via Claro on a toll road (10 CHF - 2025) to the entry point.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, a path leads eastwards into the forest. On the ascent we meet a hiking trail coming from the right, which we follow further uphill. About halfway up, we cross the Riale di Censo and continue uphill in a northerly direction. We then come to a road, which we follow to the right until we reach the stream (entry).

Alternatively, take the car to the upper parking lot and from there directly into the stream. The toll road costs 10 francs or euros per vehicle. Payable in coins only! Please park the lower car on the grass verge, not on the tarred section towards the campsite.

Tour: (machine translated)
14 - 16 rappel. Possibly sometimes problems with the rope retrival (eg at the C65 - transfer 50m/15m)). The final rappel (C40) into the chute can be avoided by rappelling over the wall on the right. The jump that is marked in the topographic view at Nizzola no longer exists.

Return: (machine translated)
After the boulder climb at the exit of the canyon left out to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2739 9.0263
Canyon End 46.2662 9.0205
Parking at Exit 46.2656 9.0202
Intermediate Canyon Exit 46.2687 9.0226
Parking at Entry 46.2732 9.0259
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.2659 9.0203

Reports:

2026-10-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Riale di Censo, Wasserstand: "DC-" Verankerungen: "Okay" Schon länger nicht mehr gemacht, für mich eine tolle und abwechslungsreiche Tour! Nach der Anfangsrutsche sind einige Bäume in die Schlucht gefallen, weniger rutschig als erwartet. Beim Schlitzabseiler nachmittags perfekter Sonnenstand! Beim allerletzten Abseiler ist der Baum gekracht, da würde ein neuer Haken Sinn machen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1085-riale-di-censo)

2026-10-11 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
It's pretty slippery in the water. There's quite a lot of wood in the canyon. The very last rappel point was a tree, but it fell over and can no longer be used as an anchor. We improvised using a small tree, but a proper anchor should be drilled in there at some point. (machine translated)

2026-09-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo Ras ! Premier tob ça peut toucher au fond ! 3h à 3. La remontée en 28min ;) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)

2026-09-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)

2026-09-13 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
I would have expected the Censo to be more slippery. (machine translated)

2026-09-05 | BiodiversitAndy | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
At the beginning, in the middle, and at the end, there are logs to climb over or go around; otherwise, as already described, it’s a beautiful canyon in the forest, with great views from the high rappels. Anchors are available wherever needed, though sometimes even in places where they aren’t necessary (they’re new there); on the other hand, the newer drill-in anchors are sometimes missing from the hammer-driven anchors (they’ve probably been stolen). As already mentioned, this could use some improvement. (machine translated)

2026-09-03 | Manfred Danglmaier | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Great tour, very sunny, beautiful views, and the slides and rappelling were awesome! (machine translated)

2026-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo Un débit très sympa après les dernières pluies. Équipement ok. Par contre l'ensemble des mains courantes mériteraient d'être changées. On le fera volontiers à notre prochain passage si personne ne l'a fait avant. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)

2026-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)

2026-08-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo Équipement correct. Attention pour la barrière, il faut des pièces (10CHF/10eur) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)

2026-07-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo From the bridge at 530 asl. DC--- (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)

2026-07-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Censo Quelques passages avec du bois dans le canyon. Bcp de points taper.. pourraient être réhabiliter à l’occasion par des points avec boulons. Toboggans magnifiques et un beau canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2657/observations.html)
