Malvaglia - Orino (Inferiore)

Malvaglia inferiore,Orino

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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:** 2h50
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 580m	**Altitude exit:** 380m	**Delta Altitude:** 200m
Canyon length: 900m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**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: ☆ 4 (21)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (13)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (20)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 45m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rather short tour; not recommended when there is too little or too much water; some slippery spots; stands often exposed; partly winding, poorly visible rappelling spots; final waterfall outside the water flow; call power plant operator! +41 (0) 917566615

Nice slides!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Biasca ri Malvaglia/ Motto (Val di Blenio) --> at the 2nd entrance turn right into the village of Malvaglia Chiesa --> continue left over several thresholds (approx. 700m) until you reach a junction --> go straight on here until you reach the bridge --> park on the orographic right-hand side --> the water level can be determined to a limited extent at the lower bridge --> return with the 2nd car immediately left up to Pontirone --> after several serpentines park on the right-hand side. park the shuttle car on the right --> the water level can be determined at the lower bridge --> take the 2nd car back and immediately left up to Pontirone --> after several hairpin bends you come to Tagnugna and a sharp hairpin bend on the right where the hiking sign for Ponte Lau 300m (approx. 590meters) --> there is a small parking lot on the right side of the road (3 cars). Alternatively, you can also hike up orographically without a second car at Orino via the "Ponte Laù" hiking trail (approx. 1h).

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the trail on the left slightly downhill to the bridge (second possibility to check the water level) --> before the bridge (at the marker) --> follow the trail parallel on the orographic left side of the canyon and descend over a rope traverse into the canyon (560Hm).

Tour: (machine translated)
The lower section of the gorge should not be climbed when the water level is high, as the abseils are twisted, slippery and mostly in the course of the water, slippery and mostly in the course of the water -- the first place is rappelled on the right over a fixed rope (stones in the pool) -- there follow some slippery rocks which are bypassed or rappelled --> below the Ponte Laù (bridge) comes the first aquatic rappel C18 on the right --> these two rappels are difficult to estimate from the belaystation> then a Mc + C24 r --> these two rappels are difficult to assess from the belaystation (but the pools are deep) --> if you have had enough after these two places, you can exit via the emergency exit --> after small downclimbs there are 2 slides, both of which are approx. 7-8m --> another climbing spot and a shallow slide of approx. 6m --> the next spot of approx. 18m can be rappelled or jumped (!!!danger of slipping when jumping) --> after the big pool there is a walking and downclimb up to a big boulder --> at this boulder there is a drilling hook where you rappel the first person about 10m through the chute to the left side of the belaystation (!slippery) --> from the belaystation you continue through the "S" into the pool (the last part can also be slid) --> after that there is a rope traverse on the left and the highest point --> the rappel C40 and C38 are on the left and rather out of the water --> after the final waterfall there are some slippery stones and rocks that have to be avoided or rappelled --> after a few minutes you reach the bridge --> exit at approx. 380Hm.

Return: (machine translated)
The more pleasant exit over the embankment is right after the 2nd bridge --> now it is only a short distance back to the parking lot

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4102 8.9911
Canyon End 46.4108 8.9827
Parking at Entry 46.4076 8.9888
Parking at Exit 46.4105 8.9813
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.4108 8.9826
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.4098 8.9892

Reports:

2026-10-22 | Jaap | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Good waterlevel after big rain last days (72mm)! Equipment all ok, good fun with this flow!

2026-09-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (inférieur) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2671/observations.html)

2026-09-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino inferiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Tief" Verankerungen: "Top" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1078-orino-inferiore-val-malvaglia)

2026-09-11 | thijs | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
this is the fun part of the Malvaglia!

2026-09-11 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything fits, the anchors are okay. Very slippery. (machine translated)

2026-09-11 | Marc schoenmaker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
The upper part had a lot of walking and swimming, a few dirty pools, and a lot of trees; the lower part was fun (machine translated)

2026-09-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (inférieur) Débit plutôt faible (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2671/observations.html)

2026-08-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (inférieur) Tout est nickel, la marche du début bof et la marche de retour bof. par contre le canyon est magnifique, il vaut le détour ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2671/observations.html)

2026-08-02 | Micha Gruber | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A relaxing hike after the Pontirone Inferiore. Unfortunately, there was very little water and a lot of algae, making it very slippery (compared to last year). Still, it’s a beautiful canyon. (machine translated)

2026-07-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino inferiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Sehr gut" Rutschig aber immer geil. Manche technische Passagen. :-) (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1078-orino-inferiore-val-malvaglia)

2026-07-04 | Tobias Beiser | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Very low water and slippery as always. Still a fun canyon with some technical sections

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2026-07-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (inférieur) Débit entre correct et petit. Température entre douce et froide. Glissant comme les autres en ce moment. Très beau. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2671/observations.html)

2026-06-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino inferiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Tief. " Verankerungen: "Sehr gut. " Rutschig zum Gehen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1078-orino-inferiore-val-malvaglia)

2026-06-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Malvaglia (inférieur) Ras (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2671/observations.html)

2026-05-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Orino inferiore / Val Malvaglia, Wasserstand: "Sehr tief für die Jahreszeit." Verankerungen: "Sehr gut." Rutschig zum Gehen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1078-orino-inferiore-val-malvaglia)

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