Esino inf

Orrido di Vezio

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Lecco **Town:** Esino Lario		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 III	**Total time:** 1h40
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 320m	**Altitude exit:** 220m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: 910m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 20.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (13)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (11)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful dark limestone; large catchment area but mostly little water; worthwhile short tour; several short rappels in the water course; possibly waste water from sewage treatment plant at the end (walking passages in river bed); well set up; can be well combined with Boazzo.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Lecco take the SS36 towards Sondrio. Then take the exit towards Varenna, Mandello, Lierna, Abbalia. Continue on the main road next to Lake Como. Just before the tunnel turn left towards Varenna. In the town of Varenna, look for a parking place near the bridge or at the train station (Esino inferiore), possibly with a fee (not easy in high season!). Alternatively, you can park between the tunnels on the SP72, where you can also get off directly at the sewage treatment plant.
Access parking:
For this, turn right just after the bridge (orographically on the right) and drive up the road towards Perledo. After a few hairpin bends, turn right towards "Vezio". Park on the right next to the company or directly in front of the driving ban at the large parking lot (camper / truck).

Approach: (machine translated)
After parking at the bridge (Esino inferiore) in the village of Varenna, go up the marked trail towards Vezio/Perledo on the orographic left side of the stream (about 100m before the bridge), at the "Hotel/Ristorante Monte Codeno". The path leads to a fork with a private dirt road, which you follow until you reach the asphalt road. Then follow this road descending to the left towards the stream. At the bridge, go (orographically on the left) a little further across the company grounds and climb there directly in the creek (approx. 320Hm), or rappel directly from the bridge 15m into the creek. (35 minutes)

If you went up by car, you go in the direction of the bridge. Before the bridge, follow the entrance of the restaurant "Crott del Pepott" to the viewpoint in the canyons. Right next to the railing, you will find the rappel hook. Alternatively, rappel 15m into the stream directly from the bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon begins less spectacularly at 320Hm before the dam steps between the highway bridge and the access bridge that leads over the Esino. Just at the access bridge there is a private path on both sides that leads to the restaurant and into the canyons. An old stone bridge over the canyon serves as a connection of the private paths (possible entry on the orographic right side via private path and railing to the 1st stand). Better to rappel directly from the bridge 15m into the stream. Under observation of the restaurant visitors, rappel down the first 2 steps. After that follows about 200m of flat walking terrain. After a small brick step it finally gets interesting.
Continuously smaller rappels, climbs and slides lead through the canyon, which is not deep but narrow and rich in vegetation. The canyon carries little water despite a large catchment area. However, if the water level is higher it can be quite unpleasant as most of the rappels are directly in the watercourse. The beautiful washouts and the dark limestone inspire every walker. After about 1.5h the canyon ends suddenly and you are standing in the open streambed. Here, unfortunately, you meet a foul-smelling sewage treatment plant that, if you are unlucky, still leads water into the stream.

Return: (machine translated)
From the sewage treatment plant, follow the course of the stream (with little contact with the water) to the 2nd bridge, where you reach the road (220m) via stone steps on the right. Alternatively, you can follow the stream to Lake Como (exit at approx. 200m).
Better and faster, however, shortly after the exit from the canyon and directly before the sewage treatment plant, turn right up the steep forest. Then follow a small path that takes you back up to the parking lot in about 15-20 minutes.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0106 9.2948
Parking Entry and Exit 46.0155 9.2863
Canyon End 46.0142 9.2884
Parking at Exit 46.0144 9.2879
Parking at Entry 46.0111 9.2940

Reports:

2026-07-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Parti du pont route amont.Canyon très mignon et à faire.Se garer en en haut devant l'entreprise (parking gratuit 4h) pour démarrer direct le canyon. La marche retour se fait en 20 min. Descente 45min/1h à 2 autonomes.La sortie n'est pas claire... Autant aller jusqu'au lac de Côme poir un plouf dans le lac et étonner les passants ????PS : malheureusement des locaux ont déversé des sacs d'herbe coupée depuis le pont au départ + petits embacles dans le canyon (orage la veille). (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2026-07-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Très très beau canyon , équipement ok. À faire sans hésiter. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2026-06-09 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Slippery, not much trash, still clean even past the sewage treatment plant. All anchors are in good condition, but unfortunately there are no diving boards or slides. (machine translated)

2026-04-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Équipement ok. Très très joli canyon !Le parking de la gare est payant, nous sommes montés nous garer juste avant le pont de départ. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2026-03-29 | Andrea Forni | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
Ciao

2025-10-11 | GoldenMat | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Good conditions, cold water in this period. Very slippery today. Decent anchors in the lower part.

2025-09-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Really short canyon, but beautiful closed in canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-08-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) After heavy rainfall, no descent+-400l/s (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-08-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Voir commentaires sur le parking à Esino sup (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-08-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Pas trouvé de sortie avant le lac, ambiance promenade des anglais en arrivant (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-06-20 | Alex Arnold | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Very nice. Parked at the top and then walked up. (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | Alex Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
All good. Lots of garbage . Short but nice pleasure (machine translated)

2024-09-17 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Nice canyon, low water, we parked at the top. Walked up after the canyon. Short but beautifull

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2024-08-14 | Norbert Fischeer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Nice canyon and better than expected. The information about the parking lot exit is not correct. This is a company and they don't want you to drive in there. We all drove up. There are plenty of parking spaces at the top. The best ascent is by the lake. It's easier to pick up the others there when the cars come back from the top. You just have to walk up. (machine translated)

Parts:
Esino sup, v4 a4 III, 20min+4h+5min
Esino inf, v2 a2 III, 5min+1h30+5min