

Esino (inferiore)

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: km ²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.1 (8)	Info: ★ 2.4 (5)	Belay: ★ 2.7 (6)
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 you follow (with little water contact) the course of the stream to the 2nd bridge, where you get to the right over stone steps on the road (220Hm). Alternatively, you can also follow the stream to Lake Como (exit at about 200Hm).

But it is better to exit directly orographic left before the sewage treatment plant. If the gate to the SP72 (access parking lot) is blocked (eg on Sunday), in the stream further down and just before the railroad bridge out to the right.

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:

2024-09-17 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★ | 📍 ★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Nice canyon, low water, we parked at the top. Walked up after the canyon. Short but beautiful

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)

2024-08-02 | Elke Osswald | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Everything OK. Free parking upstairs with parking disk for 3 hours. (machine translated)

2024-06-24 | System User | | 📖 | 📍 | 🌊 Crazy | 🟢 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Ça pousse plutôt fort mais pas de gros soucis avec l'eau. L'équipement a survécu à une crue monumentale. Assez incroyable dans ces conditions. On a mis plus de deux heures à franchir l'encaissement final! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html>)

2023-08-01 | Bastien P. | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Very underestimated and beautiful gorge (machine translated)

2023-08-01 | Christoph Cramer | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Chosen as an option for unstable weather. Visually great canyon with easy rappels. Pleasure canyoning. Restaurant at the entrance is closed and private trail not accessible. We rappelled from the bridge. Removed a total of 5 dead squirrels from the water on the way. Few jumps into very shallow water but with gravel bottom were possible. Hooks all in good shape. Exit directly at the sewage treatment plant orographically left across the construction yard area. Cell phone reception almost throughout. Description revised. (machine translated)

2023-05-09 | System User | | 📖 | 📍 | |

Der aktuelle Canyon wurde teilautomatisiert mit Canyon

<https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/EsinoCanyon.html> zusammengeführt.

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★ | 📖 | 📍 | |

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2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★ | 📖 | 📍 | |

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2021-09-29 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Esino inférieur is a very short canyon in the Italian village of Perledo. This canyon is beautiful and deeply incised, the abseils are not particularly high. Within a week I was in the Esino 3 times, once at night. The access is only a few meters away from the parking lot. We left both cars at the upper parking lot during the tour and only picked them up for the exit after the tour. Topographic view available on my homepage: <https://www.christian-balla.de/Esino> Video of our night tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH9jsruFOs> (machine translated)

Parts:

Esino (superiore), v4 a4 III, 20min+4h+5min

Esino (inferiore), v2 a2 III, 5min+1h30+5min