

Sassaltorio

Sbalzi di Sassaltorio

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Ticino Subregion: Distretto di Lugano Town: Monteceneri		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a2 IV	Total time: 9h
Approachtime: 30min	Tourtime: 5h30	Returntime: 3h
Altitude entry: 1540m	Altitude exit: 890m	Delta Altitude: 650m
Canyon length: 1250m	Highest rapell: 50m	Amount rapells: 23
Transport: Cablecar	Rock type: gneiss	Drainage area: 0.80km²
Season: April - October	Orientation: North	Best Time: 9-16 o'clock
Rating: ★ 3.5 (1)	Info: ★ 2 (1)	Belay: ★ 1 (1)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x70		
Summary: Vertical and continuous canyon in a remote area of the valley		
Hydrology: It's better to hike this stream during a rainy period, but consider that once entering the upper Trodo, a high water flow could be challenging.		
Access: Park your car in the free parking area in front of 'Grotto al Ceneri Monte'. From here, you can either walk down to the cable car station or set up a shuttle by leaving a second car at the 'Monte Tamaro Cable Car' parking lot (paid parking).		
Approach: Take the cable car up to the top station. Go up behind the station, walking alongside the alpine coaster, until you reach the 1,576-meter pass. Enter the valley by following the dirt road on a gentle descent. At the hairpin bend, a path starts entering into the valley until it reaches the stream.		

Tour:

A long sequence of waterfalls. Some vertical drops have not been bolted, requiring a bypass of them via the side slopes.

1- C6 (natural right)

2- C10 (1 left)

3- C15 (1 right)

4- C15 (1 left)

5- C30 (1 left)

3/4 unequipped waterfalls

6- C15 (1 right)

7- C10 (1 right)

8- C8 (1 right)

9- C15 (1 left)

10- C30 (1 left)

11- C40 (1 right)

two unequipped waterfalls

12- C20 (natural right)

13- C20 (natural right)

14- C25 (1 left)

15- C20 (1 right)

16- C20 (1 right)

17- C15 (natural right)

18- C 30 (natural left + 2 right)

19- C12 (natural right) approach to the waterfall

20- C35 (1 right)

21- C15 (natural right)

22- C10 (natural right)

23- C50 (natural right)

Arrival in Trodo. From here, 7 more rappels and 1 mandatory tobogan/jump.

Return:

Once you reach the Trodo stream, continue along the stream bed for about 1 km to reach the start of the Upper Trodo gorge. Go through the entire gorge until you meet the return path on the right, near the wall that marks the beginning of the Lower Trodo. Initially, the path climbs steeply, then traverses and descends back to the car.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.1119 8.8815](#)

Canyon End [46.1213 8.8808](#)

Parking at Entry [46.1266 8.9196](#)

Parking at Exit [46.1368 8.9044](#)

Reports:

2026-10-25 | Massimo Loriato | ★★☆☆ | 📖★★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

First descent 25.10.2026 by Rospi CAI Varese. Anchors very minimal/explorative, some vertical drops have not been bolted, requiring a bypass of them via the side slopes. A long sequence of waterfalls, initially small ones with some downclimbs in between but afterwards starting a continuous sequence of vertical drops carved in rock, up to the final C50 that leads directly into Trodo. After conjunction the flow doubles or more and when continuing the descent in Trodo many tributaries increase even more the flow.

Parts:

Sassaltorio, v4 a2 IV, 30min+5h30+3h

Trodo sup., v3 a4 III, 2h+1h30+1h

Trodo inf., v4 a4 IV, 1h10+5h20+0min

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