Corippo

Valle di Corippo,Valle de Corippo

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Bassa Corippo		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 4h50
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 705m	**Altitude exit:** 475m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 10-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (16)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (12)

Warnings:
Contamination from waste water (yearly 01.01. - 31.12.)
The canton will fund the construction of a new wastewater tank, but that will take about 2–3 years. So we can probably expect to have contaminated water until early 2029.

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Attractive rappel canyon with fun potential.

Avoid the lower part - waste water from the village is currently being discharged into the stream.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from the highway exit Bellinzona Süd, cross the river Ticino, pass Locarno airport and then straight on at the traffic circle to the T-junction. Turn left here and follow the signs into the Verzasca Valley via Gordola, past the dam, along the reservoir to Vogorno (11.3 km from the crossing of the Ticino). From the center of Vogorno (church of San Antonio) we cycle another 2.4 km along the reservoir and then turn left onto the road to Bassa Corippo (560 m above sea level). With a bit of luck, we will find a place to park the car before Bassa Corippo.

Approach: (machine translated)
We hike through the village to its western exit. Here we take the path that leads us up to the hamlet of Costa (750 m above sea level). We follow it further in a south-westerly direction (hamlet of Orxino). We descend to the streambed where the entry point is.

Tour: (machine translated)
2 parts: upper A. rappel and jump, lower A. jump and slide.
Exit or access before the lower part at the old water drainage (540 m above sea level).

Return: (machine translated)
Depending on the water level in the reservoir, the exit is either a slide into the water or a rappel followed by a jump into the water of the Verzasca reservoir. Then you swim to the other bank and climb up to the road.
However, if you have left the car in Corippo, climb up to the left immediately before the reservoir (when it is completely full, at the mouth of the stream into the reservoir). Through the bushes you reach an old path that you follow up to the village of Bassa Corippo.
The exit up to the right outlined by Nizzola in his book Eldorado Ticino involves some exposed ridge climbing at the beginning and is not verified.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2326 8.8277
Canyon End 46.2350 8.8440
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2354 8.8387
Parking at Exit 46.2354 8.8442
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2360 8.8412

Reports:

2026-10-04 | Ivan I. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The gear was fine, but there was definitely not enough water. We didn’t do the last descent (which leads into the lake), but we exited on the left bank and walked back up to the village to avoid taking the shuttle. The lower section is extremely slippery. (machine translated)

2026-09-23 | Martijn Poot | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very low water but still beautifull. Rappel into the lake 20m, exit from lake unproblematic. When hiking out there is a small communal path between the houses which is a bit hard to find.

2026-09-17 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
We descended the lower section starting from the mill’s water diversion. The rock was very slippery, and all the pools were jumpable. We were only unsure about the last slide with a free fall, as several trees were wedged there (see photo). No current wastewater discharge from the village could be detected. The distance for the last rappel into the reservoir was estimated at approximately 25 meters based on the length of rope used. The exit from the reservoir was unproblematic. (machine translated)

2026-09-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Corippo Equipement OK. DC- (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22219/observations.html)

2026-08-31 | Herbert von Neumann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Low water (machine translated)

2026-07-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Corippo Peu d'eau.Après avoir passer sous le pont la roche ruisselle en rive gauche. De loin ça parait magnifique, mais l'odeur de l'eau et sa qualité laisse vite penser que les égouts du village se déversent dans le canyon. Dernier tob qui finit dans le lac magnifique! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22219/observations.html)

2026-07-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Corippo Belle descente avec une eau très chaude, des vasques émeraudes et un joli final dans le lac. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22219/observations.html)

2024-10-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Corippo Le dernier relais du toboggan était submergé sous le lac (2 mètre).Ludique pour la partie finale ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22219/observations.html)

2024-09-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Corippo DC-On a mis les cagoules sur la partie inf. On a shunté le T20 final pour ne pas avoir à nager dans le lac en sortant rive gauche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22219/observations.html)

2024-08-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Corippo, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Gut" Ziemlich rutschig (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1102-valle-di-corippo)

2024-08-30 | Silvan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Accessible from the mill. All slides doable. (machine translated)

2024-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Corippo Partie inférieure seulement. Le lac est bas, ça fait un joli toboggan (début à la corde pour nous). Pas de problèmes pour remonter en face, il y a même une MC encore en partie sous l'eau. Météo Suisse avait annoncé pas mal de pluie dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche mais aujourd'hui lundi le débit était plutôt DC-. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22219/observations.html)

2024-08-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done