Carecchio (Inferiore)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Verzasca		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v3 a5 V	**Total time:** 4h5
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 880m	**Altitude exit:** 520m	**Delta Altitude:** 360m
Canyon length: 2400m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 23
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: July - October	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:** 9-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.1 (16)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (13)	**Belay:** ★ 2.1 (16)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x35m		

Summary: (machine translated)
A varied canyon with opportunities for sliding and possible jumps into crystal-clear water. Some rappellers end up in the water, and there are many spots where you can jump. A very rewarding, quite aquatic canyon with beautiful rock art.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
There is no power station or water discharge, but there is a measuring point.
https://www.hydrodaten.admin.ch/it/seen-und-fluesse/stationen-und-daten/2612

Low < 150l/sec; Medium; 150-300l/sec; Much: 300-600l/sec; TOO MUCH>600l/sec

Access: (machine translated)
Verzasca Valley:
Lower section: Drive past the famous Roman bridge in Laverezzo until you reach a large parking lot on the left. You can park there all day. Please make sure to purchase the 10 Fr. daily ticket at the parking meter. Three hours cost 5 Fr. Tickets are checked there, and a parking ticket costs 40 Fr. Payment can be made with Swiss francs or an EC card.

Upper parking lot:
Turn right onto the narrow road just past the Roman bridge. At the first intersection, turn left toward Verzuolo and continue along this road (which later becomes a well-maintained gravel road) into the valley. Park before or shortly after the turning area.

Approach: (machine translated)
Access via Carecchio only:
From the upper parking lot, walk along the valley floor until the trail descends toward the Pinciasca. Cross the stream and follow the trail up the other side of the stream until you reach the main hiking trail, which you follow up to 880 meters above sea level.

Access from Lavertezzo (lower parking lot):
Walk back to Lavertezzo and take the first road on the left uphill, cross a bridge, and continue to the mountain village. Keep following the trail/steps until you reach a cluster of houses where there is a drinking fountain. From there, continue up the trail/steps into the forest. From here on, there are trail markers. In the forest, follow the canyon upward until you reach a suspension bridge. Cross it to enjoy a great view of the pools. You can exit the trail at this bridge later on. It might be a good idea to secure a short rope to the slope. The slope looks slippery and steep. This is followed by the second ascent through the forest. Eventually, you'll reach the same elevation as the river. That's where the entry is located.

Tour: (machine translated)
At one rappel point, the anchor is located beneath a large boulder in the stream. There, the lead climber should be secured using a belay system and set up a rope traverse. However, there is also reportedly a rappel point behind the boulder that is out of the water. At this point as well, an anchor in front of the rappelling spot would be useful for setting up a rope traverse. When you reach the suspension bridge at the bottom again, you can exit to the left or continue on to the confluence, where you'll have two options again.

1. Turn right up the Pinciasca and then, before the waterfall, keep to the orographic right, heading cross-country to the upper parking lot.

2. Continue on to the village of Lavertezzo:
If you continue on, you should check the water level in the village first. The flow from the Pinciasca is hard to gauge due to the large boulders. Everything beyond that point is very watery with long swimming sections. This is followed by great jumpable pools, with 30–40-meter swimming stretches. This section takes about 1.5 hours. More

Return: (machine translated)
3 Exit Options:

1. Exit on the orographic left at the suspension bridge and return to the upper parking lot via the hiking trail.

2. Continue along the stream to where it joins the Pinciasca; then head up the stream on the right until just before the waterfall. From there, take the path up on the orographic right and walk cross-country along the fence next to the private property up to the upper parking lot.

3. Follow the stream all the way to Lavertezzo. This will take about 1.5 hours longer.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2623 8.8309
Canyon Start 46.2603 8.8684
Waypoint 46.2578 8.8417
Canyon End 46.2579 8.8399
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2636 8.8516

Reports:

2026-09-13 | Lucki ◫ | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tiptop (machine translated)

2026-09-13 | Florian Heufler | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Water level at 527 m³—no stress! Slippery, scenic Completed as part of SF2026 (machine translated)

2026-08-15 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Very pleasant water level. Not quite as slippery as expected. Surprisingly warm water. At the confluence, we went up the Pinciasca on the right until just before the waterfall, then followed a path up the orographic right side until we reached private property, and from the fence we went cross-country through the forest to the parking lot. Everyone really enjoyed the hike. (machine translated)

2026-08-04 | Christian Hanf | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
With little rainfall in the summer, this is super doable. All anchors are in good condition. All jumps are doable. (machine translated)

2026-07-17 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
A tour with stunning scenic views and geological features, featuring some challenging sections and possible jumps (15 m+). However, it’s still quite rugged and definitely not an “instant fun canyon.” A water flow of 300 l/sec posed no problems. Unfortunately, it was still very slippery today, which made some sections difficult. We parked at the Agro parking lot, then walked 45 minutes to the entry. 5 hours for 3 people (machine translated)

2026-07-13 | MKreuss | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
A beautiful canyon. One of the most beautiful in Ticino. We walked all the way through to Lavertezzo. (machine translated)

2026-06-24 | Janis | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very slippery; poor vantage points at the bridge; got out of the car; total time: 7h20, including the round trip (machine translated)

2026-06-24 | Philip | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very slippery, poorly placed anchors (machine translated)

2025-07-12 | SandroS | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
At approx. 400l Was very slippery in places. (machine translated)

2025-06-19 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
770l/s 17 degrees water temperature. All anchors ok. Some pools were not easy, but otherwise quite easy. Very slippery in places. (machine translated)

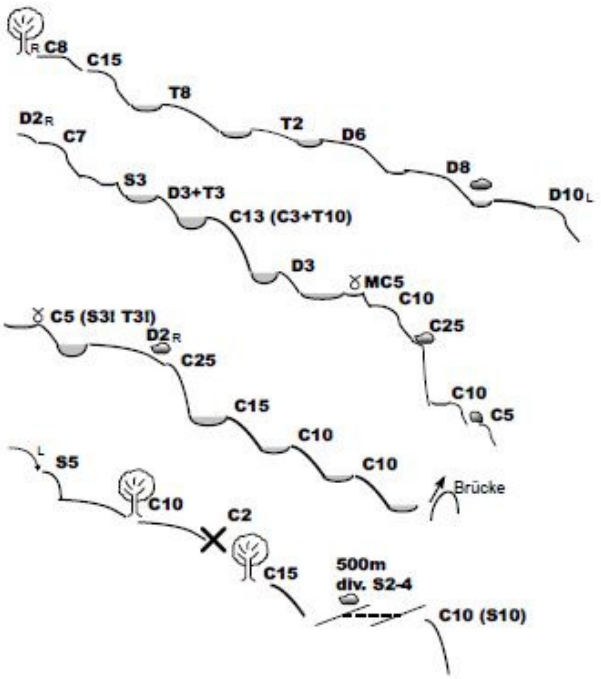
2024-09-22 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The rock in this gorge has beautiful colors! The crystal clear and abundant water completes the work. Today with 400 L/s at the check point, easily manageable but still not for beginners. After the confluence it becomes a long water trek but does not lose its charm. Thanks for the two new anchors, they were appreciated ◫ (machine translated)

2024-09-13 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Pincascia at 0.74 cubic meters, rather sporty but goes well. We set 2 more anchors after the inflow. Lots of cool high jumps! (machine translated)

2024-08-15 | Simone Steffke | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Level between start and exit decreasing from 520 - 450 liters. All easily doable. At the stand directly at the confluence (rd, right above a large block) the plate is missing. The bolt is still there and ok. Currently quite grippy so that even the downclimbs in the water go well. Nevertheless, always be careful ◫ There are anchors at all relevant points. From the confluence onwards, climb or jump. Top! 9 people, 1.25 h access, 4.5 h ascent (machine translated)

2024-08-08 | Norbert Fischeer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All slides are now also equipped with a safety device. (machine translated)

Topo Carecchio



Symbole

- Canyonboden mit verkürzter Darstellung
- Verkürzte Darstellung (horizontal)
- Becken
- Rücklauf
- **C25** Gefällstufe, Wasserfall 25m hoch
- **T3** Rutsche 3m
- **S3** Sprung 3m
- R Umgehung rechts
- Einzelner Bohrhaken, Verbundhaken
- Normalhaken
- Schlinge
- L M R Seitenangabe, orographisch links, mitte, rechts
- L M R Kettenstand
- eng Erläuterung zum markierten Abschnitt
- Baumstamm
- Brücke
- (Not-) Ausstieg
- Fixseil
- Laubbaum
- Achtung Gefahr
- Nadelbaum
- Baummikado
- Markante Felsblöcke