Massaschlucht

Massa

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Wallis / Canton du Valais **Subregion:** Bezirk Brig **Town:** Brig		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 V	**Total time:** 4h50
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 3h45	**Returntime:** 35min
Altitude entry: 1200m	**Altitude exit:** 876m	**Delta Altitude:** 324m
Canyon length: 4200m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 6
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 1.00km²
Season: September - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 10-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 1.5 (4)

Warnings:
Call power plant
+41 27 970 59 04
Didymo Infestation
Didymosphenia geminata is found in the canyon. To prevent it from spreading to other streams, all equipment should be properly cleaned—that is, bleached for 10 minutes—and then allowed to dry completely for at least 48 hours.

Specialities:
Dam (inform operator),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m (2x40m)
Headlamp,

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful gneiss gorge with huge boulders and downclimbs; impressive gneiss formations; several entry and exit options possible; large dam, call ahead! (+41 27 970 59 04) . Adequate protection, but a lot of searching for a route; mostly little cold water; most of the sun is in the canyon from midday; emergency exit after a 7m jump. In the last part you can repeatedly rappel through the blocks into the dark.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Brig, drive to Naters. Then follow the asphalted mountain road towards Blatten. After a few hairpin bends, you come to a turn-off to the village of Hegdorn, where you can park your shuttle car at the exit of the road (signposted parking lot). From here, either walk back to the main road and take the bus up to the village of Blatten or take the 2nd car. The bus terminates at Blatten. Then follow the mountain road or path, keeping to the right (towards the dam) until you reach the barrier (no driving sign). There are plenty of parking spaces right in front of the barrier (usually open). (Alternatively, you can drive down to the foot of the dam wall). (Overnight accommodation after the bridge at 1270m).
Without a shuttle car, you can either leave your car in Hegdorn (parking lot) and then take the bus up or vice versa (park your car at the entry and take the bus up after the tour). The distance/time from the bus terminus to the canyon or to the car remains the same.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, follow the road to the foot of the mighty dam (1270m). You could start right at the bridge or save yourself the first part (boulder terrain) and follow the hiking trail in the direction of "Bitsch" (orographic left). Leave the path at the point where you reach the beautiful wooden hut. Here you go straight down across the meadow towards the stream. The entry becomes steeper shortly before the stream. (1200m)

Tour: (machine translated)
The Massa Gorge is more of a hiking and swim canyon than a rappel canyon. Nevertheless, the canyon offers beautiful rappels in wonderfully green/bluish pools. The countless downclimbs (some over fixed ropes) never get boring as you have to find your way through crevices and holes. One of the highlights is the rappel (approx. 25m) into the so-called cathedral (left or right belay - exposed) followed by a narrow crevice with steps and a large pool, after which you approach the possible exit. However, there is also the option of exiting the canyon on the right after the last block area at a water drainage and reaching the road via a footbridge/hiking trail.

Return: (machine translated)
If you're not sure, look up. Here a line leads across the canyon. This 1st exit option requires some easy climbing up to a meadow. Then along the electricity pylons to the small wooden huts. Further up from the huts, you will soon reach a road. Here, either follow the road or the hiking trail signs to the village of Hegdorn. In the small village with the beautiful wooden houses, keep right until you reach the shuttle car or the bus stop. (30-40min). The bus runs every hour (7.04, 7.27, 8.27, 9.27, etc. and costs CHF 3.60).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3611 7.9965
Canyon End 46.3341 8.0060

Reports:

2026-09-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Massaschlucht Fait sans navette depuis Bitsch. Depart à la première fenètre du bisse avec sentier qui rejoins le cours d'eau.DC-La recherche de l'itinéraire dans les cahos de blocs nous a pris beaucoups de temps et d'effort.Heureusement beaucoups de troncs coincé nous on permis de tirer des petits rappels pour éviter des désescalades délicates.L'arrivée au sommet de la catédrale est incroyable, il faut remonter en rd par une corde en lambeau pour équiper.En rg un ammarage est présent mais invisible sans se pencher par dessus la vasque qui déverse dans la C28.Cette zone peu s'averer délicate avec plus de débit car la vasque est totalement lisse et on n'a pas pieds (plusieurs vasques sont bien plus profondes que sur d'anciennes photos)Prendre de la corde en rab à laisser et quelques maillons est plus prudent.Les vasques sont vert émeraude et la roche icroyablement façonée. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21007/observations.html)

2026-09-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Massaschlucht (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21007/observations.html)

2026-09-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Massaschlucht, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Alles OK" So schön (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1030-massaschlucht)

2026-09-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Massaschlucht, Wasserstand: "Mittel / Normal " Verankerungen: "Io." Schlucht nicht rutschig Pools super blau Neuer Hegdorn Ausstieg bei den stehenden Platten top. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1030-massaschlucht)

2026-06-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Massaschlucht, Wasserstand: "Normal" Verankerungen: "Alle Ok ein paar Fixseile fehlen" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1030-massaschlucht)

2025-10-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Massaschlucht, Wasserstand: "Wenig" Verankerungen: "Alle gut" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1030-massaschlucht)

2025-09-17 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
We set 3 anchors, now you can go down to Bitsch again. But it's still adventurous terrain (difficult downclimbs), we almost always followed the water, under the boulders, sometimes it gets completely dark :) (machine translated)

2025-08-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Massaschlucht Le tour se fait très facilement avec les transports publiques. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21007/observations.html)

2025-08-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Massaschlucht, Wasserstand: "Wenig" Verankerungen: "Gut" In der Schlucht liegen immer noch Holzstämme, und es hat auch ziemlich viele Algen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1030-massaschlucht)

2024-09-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Massaschlucht Les sauts classiques sont tous ok, les surverses du barrage ont vidé les vasques ensablées.Plusieurs courtes cordes fixes +/- ok en place dans les petits ressauts.Parfait sans navette avec les transports publics Brig-Blatten puis Bitsch-Brig (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21007/observations.html)

2024-09-15 | Sandra Kistner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Incredibly beautiful but long tour. It's great fun to find your way through the huge boulders. Absolutely recommendable! There are no fixed ropes for the ascent on the right, so it is not possible to reach it. Alternative left (machine translated)

2023-08-20 | RetoBaum | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 | 👎 Not done