

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: 1.00km ²
Season: September - October	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time: 10-16 o clock
Rating: ★ 4.2 (3)	Info: ★ 2 (1)	Belay: ★ 1 (1)
Specialities: Dam (inform operator),		
Gear: Ropes: 2x30m (2x40m)		
Summary: (machine translated) Beautiful gneiss gorge with huge boulders and downclimb; impressive gneiss formations; several entry and exit options possible; large dam, be sure to call ahead! (+41279216525)(tape); sufficient belaying; mostly little cold water; most sun is in the canyon from noon on; emergency exit after 7m jump.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) 35min From Brig you drive to Naters. Then follow the asphalted mountain road in the direction of Blatten. After a few hairpin bends on the right there is a turnoff to the village of Hegdorn, where you park the 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 has the final stop Blatten. Then follow the mountain road or path, always keeping to the right (in the direction of the dam) until you reach the barrier (no driving sign). In front of the barrier (usually open) there is enough parking space on the right. (Alternatively, you can drive down to the foot of the dam). (Possibility to stay overnight after the bridge at 1270m). Without a shuttle car you can either leave the car in Hegdorn (parking lot) and then take the bus up or vice versa (park the car at the entry and take the bus up after the tour). The way/time from the bus terminus to the canyon or to the car remains the same.		
Approach: (machine translated) 30min From the parking lot, follow the road to the foot of the massive dam (1270m). You could enter right at the bridge or save the first part (block terrain) and follow the trail towards "Bitsch" (orographically left). At the place where you meet the beautiful wooden hut, you leave the path. Here you go straight down over the meadow towards the stream. The entry becomes steeper just before the stream. (1200m)		
Tour: (machine translated) approx. 3,5-4h Massa Gorge is more of a hiking and swim canyon than a rappel canyon. Nevertheless, the canyon offers beautiful rappel passages in lovely green/blue pools. Also the countless downclimb passages (partly over fixed ropes) are never boring as you have to find your way skillfully through crevasses and holes. One of the highlights is the rappel passage (about 25m) into the so-called cathedral (stand left or right - exposed) followed by a narrow gap with steps and large pools then you approach the possible exit. But there is also the possibility after the last block terrain at a water drainage right to get out of the canyon and via a footbridge / hiking trail to the road.		

Return: (machine translated)

30-40min

If you are not sure, look up. There is a line across the canyon here. This 1st exit option requires easy climbing up to a meadow. Then along the power poles to the small wooden huts. Further up from the huts, you will shortly reach a road. Here, follow either the road or the hiking trail signs to the village of Hegdorn. In the small village with the beautiful wooden houses you keep right until you reach the shuttle car or the bus stop. (30-40min). The bus leaves every hour (7.04, 7.27, 8.27, 9.27, etc. and costs CHF3, 60).

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.3611 7.9965](#)

Canyon End [46.3341 8.0060](#)

Reports:

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>)

2023-08-20 | Reto Baumberger | |📖|📍|🌊 |🔴 Not done

The number with the band to the info of Massa and Gondo Gorge is current: +41 27 970 59 04 The number given in the description plays the winter sports report of Belalp, was not helpful ;) (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User |★★★★★|📖|📍||

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Ort, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/MassaCanyon.html> und <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21007>

2023-03-09 | System User |★★★★★|📖|📍||

Daten importiert von <https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/372-massaschlucht>

2021-09-08 | Bibtore |★★★★★|📖★★|📍★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Oh what a great long tour. Walk with a headlamp if you want to go under the blocks. Be sure to take a drill with you, there is a lot of movement in the high water. Some passages are really awesome! I'll be back again. (machine translated)