

# Gerra

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**Country:** Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Gambarogno

**Difficulty:** difficult

**Grading:** v5 a2 III

**Total time:** 4h10

**Approachtime:** 25min

**Tourtime:** 3h

**Returntime:** 45min

**Altitude entry:** 870m

**Altitude exit:** 450m

**Delta Altitude:** 420m

**Canyon length:** 1700m

**Highest rapell:** 60m

**Amount rapells:** 14

**Transport:** Car optional

**Rock type:** gneiss

**Drainage area:** 1.90km<sup>2</sup>

**Season:** January - December

**Orientation:** Northwest

**Best Time:** 10-16 o'clock

**Rating:** ★ 0 ()

**Info:** ★ 0 ()

**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**

Ropes: 2x 70m

**Summary:**

A very vertical stream, ideal during rainy periods. With a good flow, the two large waterfalls of 50 and 60 meters will provide a good dose of adrenaline.

**Hydrology:**

Flow assessment: directly at the valley parking area.

**Access:**

Downstream: reach the small village of Gerra (Gambarogno) and park at the beach parking area, right next to the stream (46°07'21.4"N 8°47'01.3"E), at a cost of 1 CHF per hour.

Upstream: return to Via Cantonale, turn left crossing the bridge, then turn right onto the road that climbs up to Monti di Gerra. At Monti di Gerra there is a large parking area on the hairpin bend just before the barrier (46°07'06.9"N 8°48'03.2"E).

**Approach:**

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With shuttle: from the upper parking area, follow the flat path leading towards the alpine pasture, gain altitude with a couple of switchbacks, and exit the pasture in the direction of Monti di Sant'Abbondio. Ignore a couple of tributaries until you reach the main branch of the Gerra stream (46°06'37.9"N 8°47'58.7"E). About 25 minutes for 100 m of elevation gain.

Without shuttle: from the lower parking area, first follow the paved road towards Monti di Gerra. At Cheventino, you can then take the trail to cut a few switchbacks. Once at Monti di Gerra, follow the same directions as for the shuttle approach. About 1h 30min for 630 m of elevation gain.

**Tour:**

01- C17 (nat dx)  
02- C20 (1 dx)  
03- C15 (1 dx)  
04- C15 (nat dx)  
05- C15 (1 dx)  
06- C50 (2 sx)  
07- C10 (nat central)  
08- C8 (2 sx)  
09- C60 (2 sx)  
010- C25 (1 sx)  
011- C30 (nat sx)  
012- C10 (1 dx)  
013- C15 (1 sx)  
014- C10 (nat central)

**Return:**

After the last vertical drop, there is a long stretch of walking along the streambed, about 800 m, until reaching a flood-control wall. Here you can enter the tunnel on the right and quickly return to the village and the cars. About 45 minutes for 250 m of elevation loss.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.1107 8.7994](#)  
Parking at Entry [46.1185 8.8009](#)  
Parking at Exit [46.1226 8.7838](#)  
Canyon End [46.1155 8.7915](#)

**Reports:**

First descent: 01.01.2022 by apertura Gruppo Speleologico CAI Varese