Cugnolo

Val Cugnolo

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Bellinzona **Town:** Gudo		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 I	**Total time:** 2h25
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 390m	**Altitude exit:** 230m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 250m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 9-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (9)	**Belay:** ★ 1.8 (12)

Specialities:
suitable in rainy weather,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rain stream. Sequence of rappels in vegetation Emergency exit possible at any time.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Bellinzona, take the country road on the right bank of the Ticino towards Tenero and Locarno. Cross the village of Sementina and approx. 3 km after Sementina turn off the main road to the right into the village of Gudo. Park on the right-hand side of the road 300 m after the turn-off from the main road.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, follow the road up to the right in front of the church and follow the path until you reach the road. Continue to the right here. After approx. 100 m, follow the path uphill to the left until you reach the road again. Continue to the left until you reach the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
Absolutely rainy tour, almost always possible, whether heavy rain or melting snow.
Sequence of rappels up to max. 30 m. Some of the stands were a bit wobbly (as of 2021) and some of the trees with slings were questionable. Not recommended after periods of drought.

Return: (machine translated)
Turn left out of the stream back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 46.1754 8.9532
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.1753 8.9533
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1757 8.9541
Canyon Start 46.1782 8.9518

Reports:

2026-08-21 | Florian Heufler | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
A good alternative after the rain and storms—and it's fun at this water level, too (machine translated)

2025-10-03 | Elias Eberl | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Nice sunny tour without much walking. Plenty of water, no problems. (machine translated)

2025-09-28 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnolo (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22845/observations.html)

2025-09-24 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cugnolo Pas majeur mais dépanne bien quand tous est en crue. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22845/observations.html)

2025-07-14 | Pascal | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything is feasible. No special features. (machine translated)

2025-07-14 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All abseiling options good to do. Access with car replacement very strict ;) (machine translated)

2025-05-09 | Samy | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
After rain. (machine translated)

2025-05-09 | Alex Arnold | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Good after rain (machine translated)

2024-10-02 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Slippery to walk. Ropes to make good use of the tree on the last thirty. (machine translated)

2024-09-05 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We did this trip in the late afternoon after heavy rain in the morning and afternoon. Good option if there is to much water in the other canyons.

2024-06-11 | Fred | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Anchorages sometimes a bit adventurous but OK. Tolerates a lot of water. (machine translated)

2024-06-02 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
With the current amount of water, many loose stones are being carried over the two C30s. For this reason, and because the pick has been removed from the last C30 (anchoring to a tree is possible), we left the route after the C8RD. A clearly visible path leads directly to the ascent route. (machine translated)

2024-05-30 | Thorsten K. | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 📈 Emergency exit
The stream was a good alternative after rain and more rain was forecast. The water level was slightly higher than the higher reference pictures from "Eldorado Ticino". At the first rappel at the bridge we attached an additional rope. IMPORTANT: the last 30 (penultimate rappel) no longer has an anchor. We then went out. The tree may also be ortographic. Right. The left tree is unsuitable. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Basic data taken with kind permission by Matthias Holzinger from "Swiss Alps Canyoning VOL. 2.0" (machine translated)

2023-09-24 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We started this canyon on a day when the top canyons in Ticino had too much water. Very good alternative. Reparking not necessary (machine translated)

2023-04-17 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Canyon created. (machine translated)

2021-08-27 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 | ⚓ | | 👍 Completed
Committed on May 24, 2021 (machine translated)