Gei (superiore)

Val di Gei superiore,Riale Brie

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Vallemaggia **Town:** Gordevio		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:**
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:**
Altitude entry: 650m	**Altitude exit:** 340m	**Delta Altitude:** 310m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (3)	**Info:** ★ 1.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 1.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 60

Summary: (machine translated)
Hiking canyon with two higher rappels

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Via Locarno and Ascona and Ponte Brolla along the Maggia up to Gordevio. Park the car at the church in the old town center.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the little church (with fountain) at the Romanesque bridge (345 m a.s.l.) we climb up the orographic right slope (not the left one as in Gei inferiore!). We cross a water gully (no path!) and a few meters later we turn from the horizontal main path to the path on the right uphill. Near the canyon rim it goes steadily uphill. At 705 meters above sea level we reach the houses of Cortasell. Passing south of the first one, we go up on faint tracks for a few more meters until a path on the right (eastward) crosses into the slope and leads us to a house above the canyon (730 m a.s.l.). Passing behind the house (water tap), the trail descends into the canyon, steep and partly exposed, but clearly visible.

Tour: (machine translated)
Apart from the two high rappel you can downclimb almost everything (at the big block it goes in with the water right below - see photo).

Return: (machine translated)
Either exit via the access to the Gei inferiore and descend into the valley or better continue in the Gei inferiore and at the exit of the Gei inferiore (cf. its description!) after the arched bridge turn right to the starting point.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2362 8.7490
Canyon End 46.2309 8.7490
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2268 8.7468
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.2289 8.7456

Reports:

2026-06-01 | Lukas Bergauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Drei bis vier zusätzliche Anker würden nicht schaden. Bei einer Kletterstelle ist man bisher wohl durch ein Loch unter den großen Block gestiegen. Dieses ist mit Geschiebe zu und muss relativ kompliziert umklettert werden!

2024-08-29 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice descent in crystal clear water, many dives and two rappels. Stainless anchors C55 2dx and C40 1dx. Travel time 1h 30min. For the right bank approach, after Alpe Cortasgell we took the path to the right to the isolated lodge, passed a clearing behind the lodge and came level to the edge of the rock rampart. From here by an old path with stone steps and steel cable we descended steeply to the stream, arriving at an old water works and some nice pools. (machine translated)

2023-04-02 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Coordinates and description adjusted (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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Parts:
Gei (superiore), v4 a4 III, 1h15+2h30+
Gei (Inferiore), v4 a4 III, 1h+2h30+5min