Cansgell

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Verzasca		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 6h10
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1240m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 640m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
A beautiful rappel canyon in a fairly wide streambed. Not very deeply incised, but very continuous and with few walking passages.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Drive into the Verzasca valley, through Lavertezzo. After passing the stream on the left, you can park in a parking bay on the left.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking bay, follow the road further north. At the first public bridge, cross the Verzasca River and follow the hiking trail south again.
After entering the forest, the trail branches off to the right after 300 meters, marked with yellow-blue-yellow signs.
Note: The turnoff is not very easy to spot. At the turnoff, you'll see wooden water pipes.
Follow this path up to an elevation of 1240m. That's where the entry is.
Alternatively, you can shorten the detour over the bridge by walking through the Verzasca River.

Tour: (machine translated)
From entry to exit, the canyon has rappels throughout and is very continuous.
There are almost no longer walking passages.

At the last rappel (comes after a 50m rappel from which you can already see the road) do not rappel into the crack but onto the back behind it. Otherwise it is difficult to pull off the rope. Then follow the ridge and descend to the hiking trail.

Return: (machine translated)
Once you reach the hiking trail, walk through the Verzasca to the road.
Follow this to the north until you reach the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2624 8.7986
Canyon End 46.2679 8.8152
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2703 8.8142

Reports:

2026-06-20 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
We doubled up on some anchors and repositioned them, but it could definitely use a few more anchors. Great trail... Unfortunately, it was very slippery. We enjoyed it anyway. (machine translated)

2024-09-13 | Nico Schneider | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
All anchors available. From halfway up the canyon, some of the anchors are very unusually placed. You first have to downclimb the first part of the waterfall until you reach the anchor. Beautiful rappel canyon without long walking passages. Perfect when it gets colder in the fall. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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