Vira

Valle di Vira

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Vira (Gambarogno)		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 5h55
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 520m	**Altitude exit:** 210m	**Delta Altitude:** 310m
Canyon length: 1700m	**Highest rapell:** 32m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 7.48km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.6 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.2 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (5)

Specialities:
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Gear:
Ropes: 2x 35m

Summary: (machine translated)
Pristine forest gorge

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
We leave the A2 at the Bellinzona Sud exit and drive 7.8 km in the direction of Locarno. At the traffic circle in Quartino we do not take the first exit to Locarno, but the second one towards Vira, Gerra. After a while we drive along the south-eastern shore of Lake Maggiore and then we come to Vira (Gambarogno). Here we park the lower car. \nWith the second one (or the post bus - departure 08.35 - 2008) we leave the coastal road and go uphill towards Monti di Fosano. After 4.7 km, at the bend in the road where the road turns NNW coming from the NNO direction, park the car (altitude 640 m above sea level). Here is also a post bus stop ("Monti di Fosano-Monti").

Approach: (machine translated)
From the car we first take the path in a southerly direction, then after the bridge we go downhill in an easterly direction to a single house on the edge of the slope ("Nebbia"-548 m above sea level). From here in a south-easterly direction on "path tracks" or pathless to the stream.
You can also descend from the house on the edge of the slope and then rope in at the confluence of the Vira with the stream coming from the left.

Tour: (machine translated)
Alternating rappel and possible jumps, Smooth terrain. Some unverified emergency exits. Climbing allowed only from May 1 to October 1.

Return: (machine translated)
In Vira turn left out to the road.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1307 8.8449
Canyon End 46.1423 8.8423
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.1418 8.8429
Parking at Exit 46.1435 8.8404
Parking at Entry 46.1314 8.8405

Reports:

2026-07-12 | Stephan Gehringer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The last 6 rappellers have gone down; everything's fine. (machine translated)

2025-09-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | High | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vira A lot of walking on slippery rocks (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2686/observations.html)

2025-08-11 | Stephan Gehringer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
The last 6 rappels gone entry at the road bridge... brilliant family tour. Anchors all good (machine translated)

2024-09-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle di Vira inferiore, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "gut" Wir sind bei westlichen Zulaufs eingesteigen Punkt 620 MüM (2708346 1109684). z.T. viel Holz im unteren Bereich des Zufluss. Bereich Zufluss ist etwa so aufgebaut (alles Schätzungen): 50m... ; C8; C8; C8+C7; 20m... (viel Holz); C5+C7; 20m... ; C8; C5+C4+C5; 50m links...; C8 an Baum; C15 Baum links (Holz versprerrt Inox); Zusammenfluss. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1009-valle-di-vira-inferiore)

2024-08-13 | Simone Steffke | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Entry via side arm, lots of wood. From the confluence ok. Relatively good grip in the walking passages, somewhat slippery in the rappels. (machine translated)

2024-06-04 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
All good, many jumps & slides possible. Rather slippery and in between many walk and climbing passages. (machine translated)

2023-06-10 | Fred | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Entry via side arm, stands okay, very slippery and lots of wood (machine translated)

2023-04-05 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | | Not done
Coordinates and description edited. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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