Coglio

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Vallemaggia **Town:** Giumaglio		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 IV	**Total time:** 7h10
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 1230m	**Altitude exit:** 760m	**Delta Altitude:** 470m
Canyon length: 2000m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 26
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 5.50km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 8-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 45m		
Summary: (machine translated) A route with several narrow parts and many jumps; while it isn't extremely challenging in terms of rope work, the length of the route certainly is.		
Hydrology: (machine translated) Medium-sized watershed; usually passable on foot. It’s difficult to gauge the water level. If the Pincascia gauge reads 1 cubic, Coglio should start to get a bit challenging, but take this information with a grain of salt—after all, the two watersheds aren’t in the same valley.		
Access: (machine translated) As with Giumaglio inferiore		
Approach: (machine translated) Take the hiking trail toward Corada and turn left there. Pass the chapel and head into the steep south face of the Giumaglio Canyon. This means most of the access is in the shade. Turn left at Vassascia di Sopra and continue along the exposed trail to the start of Coglio.		

Tour: (machine translated)
C40 right (C20+T15 possible)
C15 left
M50
C12 left / S12
C12 left
M150
C20 flat center
T2
C15 left / T12 possible
M100
S3
C25 right
C8 left / S6
C7 right / S5!
C4 left
C12 left
R2
S4 not deep
C15 left / S10
M100
C20 right / S18!
C15 right / S12
M50
C45 left
M100
C40 left
C5 right
C6 right
C20 left
M50
C20 left / T15 ?
M50
C12 left / S8 running right
T12 / S6 / S10
M50
C10 right / T4
M200
Possible exit at the bridge
C8 left / S9 / S11 difficult to reach
M50
C8 left
T5
C12 left / S10
M100
Swim 200m
Exit right toward the dam

Return: (machine translated)
You can either exit at the bridge, or you can take in the last beautiful stretch as well—but then you'll have to swim across the lake and climb up to the dam on the orographic right. It's best to stay right next to the wall where there's a cable.

After that, you can either follow the hiking trail all the way down or continue on to Giumaglio inferiore. It's not recommended to go directly to Giumaglio inferiore; instead, head via the hamlet of Confrèè and from there take the path down to the stream.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2952 8.7111
Canyon End 46.2860 8.6917

Reports:

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If you're not afraid of the long access, a real gem awaits you up there. Especially if you like big slides and technical jumps, you'll definitely get your money's worth. (machine translated)

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Parts:
Coglio, v4 a3 IV, 2h30+4h+40min
Giumaglio (inferiore), v4 a4 III, 30min+4h+5min