Usedi (superiore)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Leventina **Town:** Chironico		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 V	**Total time:** 9h10
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 1790m	**Altitude exit:** 1000m	**Delta Altitude:** 790m
Canyon length: 2000m	**Highest rapell:** 75m	**Amount rapells:** 53
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 6.40km²
Season: August - October	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:** 6-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 1.4 (5)

Specialities:
avalanche remains,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 80m

Summary: (machine translated)
Upper part of the Usedi, with many diagonal rappels and narrow crevasses. Proceed with caution; when water levels are high, this is a very long and strenuous route, as it involves an 800hm climb with no possible way out.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
It is best to wait a week after a big storm.

Access: (machine translated)
Pass Chironico and park at Grumo.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail up to A Garnei and then take the only path that leads down into the valley. The trail is sometimes quite overgrown. At p. 1794 the path crosses a stream, which is the start of the tour.

Tour: (machine translated)
At the beginning there are many long slabs where you often have to look for the anchors. After that, the rappels become narrow, without the canyon being cut much. Later, a few tributaries from the right, and more and more a grandiose canyon.

Return: (machine translated)
Orographically take the entry of the Inferiore on the right, or continue with inferiore to the road.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3897 8.8272
Parking at Entry 46.4164 8.8452
Parking at Exit 46.4094 8.8485
Canyon End 46.4033 8.8418

Reports:

2026-09-05 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Completely renovated. Many anchors are loose. We have reinstalled or doubled up on 4 anchors, but many more anchors still need to be replaced. (machine translated)

2026-09-02 | Lieke Smulders | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | High | 👍 Completed
Very beautiful but demanding tour. The first slab part is very long and we drilled a new anchor on the 65 meter rappel, around 15 meter before the end on the left side. The anchors throughout the whole canyon are in bad shape and need replacement. we got a lot of ropes stuck and it took us 9 hours to complete. The canyon is very beautiful and definitely worth it! Would go again!

2026-07-04 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Couldn't find an anchor at the very top, so the maximum rappelling route was 85 meters. Everything went well after that. No remaining snow. (machine translated)

2024-08-15 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Canyon still snow-covered with lots of névé. We'll probably have to wait at least another 2-3 weeks... Otherwise, the equipment is still in place. It's possible to bypass the very high abseils at the start by cutting through the forest. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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2022-07-05 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | Crazy | 👍 Completed
We went in the day after a storm, and arrived at the start of the Inferiore pretty battered (bloody hands just from holding the ropes). Certainly more fun with less water. But otherwise a great experience. (machine translated)

Parts:
Usedi (superiore), v4 a4 V, 2h30+6h+40min
Usedi (Inferiore), v4 a4 IV, 45min+4h+5min
Chironico (Barougia), v3 a4 III, 0min+2h30+25min