Pesta

Valle de la Pesta,Valle della Pesta

Create: 2023-03-09 20:53:25	**Update:** 2026-07-19 18:44:31	**Print:** 2026-10-30 01:10:37
Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Riazzino		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h45
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 395m	**Altitude exit:** 210m	**Delta Altitude:** 185m
Canyon length: 570m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.1 (25)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (15)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (24)

Specialities:
suitable in rainy weather,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short rappel canyon

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
At the traffic circle at Locarno airport, where the 4-lane access road (coming from Bellinzona) to Locarno begins, head north towards the old Bellinzona-Locarno road. At the next traffic circle turn right onto this road and 850 m further on turn left to the school center in Riazzino. Turn right up the road in front of the school center and park the lower vehicle on the second parking level.
Take a second vehicle back down, turn right at the school center and 330 m further on up the first road on the right. After two hairpin bends, you come to a crossroads which you follow to the right in the direction of Bugaro, Piandessio, Agarone. Before the bridge over the Pesta, we can park the second vehicle on the left.

Approach: (machine translated)
Go back along the road for about 100 m and then turn right onto the footpath towards Peross. On steps go up the vineyard; then the path walks towards the stream incision. We open (and close) a door in the wire fence and about 30 m further on we turn right from the path onto a path that leads us into the streambed.

If you have only 1 vehicle available, the access to the top starts directly at the parking lot (then 40 min.).

Tour: (machine translated)
Sequence of easy rappels.
Good to combine with the neighboring Cugnasco inferiore, Carcale or Tenero.
Also feasible if other canyons have too much water flow.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last step, turn right out to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1804 8.8980
Canyon End 46.1766 8.8987
Parking at Entry 46.1791 8.8981
Parking at Exit 46.1760 8.8976
Parking at Exit 46.1769 8.8913

Reports:

2026-10-10 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
It's pretty slippery walking in the water. There's quite a lot of wood in the canyon. (machine translated)

2026-09-17 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
A big tree and rocks fall into the canyon, looks pretty recent. I shared a photo.

2026-08-28 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
A good trip when everything else is too flooded, and well timed between thunderstorms. The water level stayed the same the whole time. (machine translated)

2026-08-23 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pesta Fait après deux grosses journées de pluies sur le secteur Safe étant donné que toutes les casques sont engravées Il est possible de vérifier le débit de sécurité sur la dernière cascade Beaucoup de mono points qui mériteraient de passer à deux mais bon équipement tout de même (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22500/observations.html)

2026-08-02 | Fred | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything's fine; there's still plenty of water. You can park at the school, but parking is prohibited everywhere up there. (machine translated)

2026-07-19 | Peter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
It's not easy to find parking; near the exit, there are no-parking signs almost everywhere, while further up there's very little space. The water flow is excellent despite the very dry season. (machine translated)

2026-06-04 | Inga | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Quite grippy to walk, only the last 3 rappels are mega slippery. Everything OK. (machine translated)

2026-05-14 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Quite slippery to walk. But went well with a normal amount of water despite the rain. (machine translated)

2026-04-29 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pesta Nice route, no problems. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22500/observations.html)

2026-04-10 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 📈 Emergency exit
A bit slippery, we got off at the last exit before the exit (machine translated)

2026-03-29 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
More wood in the canyon than before. Especially a new tree about halfway across the water line. Getting more and more slippery towards the bottom. (machine translated)

2025-10-08 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Okey trip, slippery in some places.

2025-09-28 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | High | 👍 Completed
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2025-09-26 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | High | 👍 Completed
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2025-09-23 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pesta Très sympa avec ce débit, on reste prudent.Les vasques sont bien émulsionnées mais je suis sur que notre Dieu Nec' aurait trouvé du matos !