Val Grande (sup-sup)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Vallemaggia **Town:** Avegno Gordevio		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 IV	**Total time:** 7h40
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 4h10	**Returntime:** 1h
Altitude entry: 1305m	**Altitude exit:** 800m	**Delta Altitude:** 505m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 30
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:** 8-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Warnings:
was often very high.
Some stands are set very high. It can be helpful to have a tall person in the group.

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
A great tour that's worth the trip on its own. Combined with the superiore and the inferiore, it makes for a super-integral route with over 60 waterfalls.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Relatively small, but some rappellers are also very narrow.

Access: (machine translated)
Same as Val Grande inferiore

Approach: (machine translated)
Same as Val Grande superiore, but just before the entry bridge, turn left and follow the zigzag path up to 1350m. From there, pass the small huts and cross the field to the entry point at 1310m.

Alternatively, you can also follow the trail up to 1,420 m and then descend along the stream to 1,310 m (probably not marked).

Tour: (machine translated)
Although it isn't the steepest canyon, it is very consistent. Right from the very first, very narrow rappel, you're put to the test to see if you've chosen the right water level. After that, there are a full 30 rappels and small jumps in a row all the way to the start of the SUP section.

Return: (machine translated)
Either continue down the stream, or get out of the superiore at the entry bridge and head back down the same way.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 46.2253 8.7657
Canyon Start 46.2333 8.7820
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2217 8.7463

Reports:

2026-06-07 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
I liked it a little better than the superiore. It was definitely a nice surprise, given how little information was available. (machine translated)

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Basic data taken with kind permission by Matthias Holzinger from "Swiss Alps Canyoning VOL. 2.0" (machine translated)

Parts:
Val Grande (sup-sup), v4 a3 IV, 2h30+4h10+1h
Val Grande (superiore), v4 a3 IV, 1h15+3h50+30min
Val Grande (inferiore), v3 a4 III, 45min+3h+5min