

Tenero-Contra

Tenero

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino Subregion: Bezirk Locarno Town: Tenero		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 II	Total time: 1h40
Approachtime: 20min	Tourtime: 1h15	Returtime: 5min
Altitude entry: 350m	Altitude exit: 240m	Delta Altitude: 110m
Canyon length: 450m	Highest rapell: 25m	Amount rapells: 9
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season: May - October	Orientation: South	Best Time: 9-17 o'clock
Rating: ★ 2.6 (6)	Info: ★ 2.3 (3)	Belay: ★ 1.4 (5)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x25m		
Summary: (machine translated) Short rapel canyon in settlement area		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From the 4-lane road that (coming from Bellinzona) runs towards Locarno, we turn off at the Tenero (Locarno) exit, turn left after the railroad underpass and after a right turn we come to a traffic circle, which we leave again in the original (northern) direction. Near the church that now towers in front of us, we look for a useful parking place.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the church we follow the road going up to Contra 150 m and then turn right onto a footpath. This crosses the road again, then our stream (informative low view of the final waterfalls) and then goes up on the orographic. right side of the stream. In the process, it tangents twice more road serpentines (the second time a few meters on the road to the right) before it goes up in a fairly straight line. Where the view of the stream opens up on the righthand side, we find the access.		
Tour: (machine translated) Sequence of rappels in a gorge in the settlement area. Can be attached to another tour to round off the day and combined with a visit to Locarno. Useful also when other streams have too high water flow. Nearby Carcale, Verzasca, Pesta and Cugnasco.		
Return: (machine translated) After the final waterfall out onto the road and on it left to the church.		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 46.1849 8.8436 Canyon End 46.1821 8.8453 Parking Entry and Exit 46.1809 8.8486 Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.1816 8.8456		

Reports:

2025-09-30 | Elias Eberl | |📖|📌|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Contrary to the description in Eldorado Ticino, this is not just an alternative tour. Great ambience in jungle-like surroundings and great light conditions when the sun shines through the trees from midday. The stream is clean. Last chain anchor at the C18 is only half intact. (machine translated)

2025-08-15 | Pascal | ⭐⭐⭐ |📖⭐⭐|📌⭐⭐|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Did the stream on a hot day with a low water level. Luckily it was shady ☐ the anchors were good. We got off at the last bridge before the last rappel. The stand there is attached to a tree trunk with several ropes. It basically makes a good impression. (machine translated)

2025-07-26 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Tenero AttentionUn des points de l'amarrage de la c18 bouge. Prévoir un marteau pour enfoncer le gougeon et une clé pour le refixer.Beau petit canyon à faire quand les autres ont trop d'eau. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22079/observations.html>)

2024-05-31 | System User | |📖|📌| |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Tenero-Contra, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Naja" Die Stände sind zum Teil etwas in die Jahre gekommen aber i.o. Schöne Einzelpassagen☐ (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/?view=article&id=1118&Itemid=203>)

2024-05-31 | Patrik | ⭐⭐⭐ |📖⭐⭐⭐|📌⭐|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Water level rather more than a reference picture but easily doable. Some of the stands are a bit outdated but ok. Beautiful individual passages☐ (machine translated)

2024-05-08 | Peisen | ⭐⭐⭐ |📖|📌⭐|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Slippery to walk but quickly doable again after two days of rain. We didn't do the final cascade as the anchoring is really no longer good. Please take a drill with you next time. The canyon is superiore accessible by public transport from e.g. cugnasco. (Upper station "zotte") (machine translated)

2023-09-25 | Christian Balla | ⭐⭐ |📖|📌⭐|🌊 High |👍 Completed

A lot of water - one of the few canyons in Ticino that was possible today. The anchoring of the last cascade is very poor. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVsCZEuy5Gs> Photos: <https://www.christian-balla.de/Tenero> (machine translated)

2023-04-05 | Daniel Sturm | |📖⭐⭐|📌| |🔴 Not done

Coordinates edited. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ⭐⭐ |📖|📌| |

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2019-09-06 | Christian Balla | ⭐⭐ |📖|📌⭐⭐|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

This canyon is also fun at night after rainfall! During the day, the parking lot situation is difficult and the amount of garbage in the canyon is certainly much more noticeable in the light. Night canyon requires high-quality waterproof headlamps and experience in the dark! Video of our night tour in Tenero: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWPcRGrhwGo> (machine translated)