

# Sponde

Riale delle Sponde, Riveo, Someo, Ri delle Sponde

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<b>Country:</b> Schweiz / Switzerland <b>Region:</b> Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino <b>Subregion:</b> Bezirk Vallemaggia <b>Town:</b> Maggia		
<b>Difficulty:</b> difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v5 a3 IV	<b>Total time:</b> 7h35
<b>Approachtime:</b> 1h30	<b>Tourtime:</b> 6h	<b>Returntime:</b> 5min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 960m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 380m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 580m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 1300m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 60m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 22
<b>Transport:</b> Car required	<b>Rock type:</b> gneiss	<b>drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Season:</b> May - October	<b>Orientation:</b> South	<b>Best Time:</b> 9-12 o clock
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 4.2 (5)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 2.3 (4)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 2 (3)
<b>Specialities:</b>		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 1x110m + 3x70m		
<b>Summary:</b> (machine translated) Beautiful, long canyon with high technical rappel up to 60m; several intermediate stands; communication not easy; some emergency exits; long access; only with small groups; some slippery passages; check belay stations!!!		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		
<b>Access:</b> (machine translated) From Locarno you drive into the beautiful Maggia Valley --> on the main road you drive through several small villages (attention radar controls!), until you come to the village of Someo. In the village of Someo you have 2 parking possibilities, whereby the one in the center of the village near the fountain and a bridge (where the hiking trail leaves) is the best. Before the tour you should check the water level and park the shuttle car at the exit. To do this, drive about 2-3km after a long bend to the left, there is a large parking area to the right. If you do not have a 2nd car, you walk about 20-25min to the fountain / hiking trail in Someo.		
<b>Approach:</b> (machine translated) On the side of the fountain there is a path with the signs "Lualt, Madonna di Monte, Bignasco" and Sentiero di montagna. The trail continues left up the mountain, passing several small streams, chapels and houses. For the tour and the long access (mostly wooded) you should take enough to drink! At a fork in the road (at a considerable height) turn left. After some time you will come across a ruin and then a beautiful stone cottage on an open area. The trail continues to the left and passes other ruins. After an open space you can already see one of the high waterfalls. From here you continue to a stone house at about 990 meters above sea level, surrounded by beech trees. There, on the left side, a steep path leads down to the stream/bridge at about 890Hm. Even further up (from the stone house), at the large bridge that leads over the stream, getting on does not necessarily pay off (only some entertaining slides).		
<b>Tour:</b> (machine translated) This canyoning tour is only for absolute canyoning professionals who like high technical rappels. The slides and jumps at the beginning of the tour are very entertaining, although not always easy to assess. Some blockages and steps can be bypassed via the slope. Not too much time should be wasted on the small steps anyway, as the high rappels are very technical and time consuming. Communication at the intermediate levels is not always easy due to the rappelling height and the rushing of the water. Also, the pitons/eyes should be checked before hooking up (some were loose/defective on our ascent!). There are some emergency exits (see topographic view in the book Eldorado Ticino), which mostly lead over steep terrain. Overall, for the long access, the tour offers some entertaining slides/jumps and lots of high rappels with nice views. The beginning and final part can be skipped / bypassed depending on your mood.		
<b>Return:</b> (machine translated) From the last big pool you get to the road/parking lot on the right in a short time at about 350Hm.		

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.3018 8.6428](#)

Canyon End [46.2949 8.6397](#)

Parking at Entry [46.2878 8.6627](#)

Parking at Exit [46.2938 8.6405](#)

Waterlevel Meter Site [46.2950 8.6398](#)

## Reports:

2024-10-22 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Crazy | 🟢 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sponde Départ depuis le pont du haut.Sympathique. Dans la première grande grande verticale, trop d'eau pour traverser l'actif : nous avons chercher un arbre RD.Descendu sans prendre relais intermédiaire. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2679/observations.html>)

2024-10-04 | Jackcachpot | ★★★★★ |📖★★★★ |📍★★★ |🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

All rappels done in the long version, intermediate stands partly present. Slightly slippery in places, otherwise perfect water level. (machine translated)

2024-09-29 | Peter | ★★★★★ |📖★★★★ |📍★★★ |🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Very nice!!! Both technical and playful. Perfect scope, a little slippery in some places. Sufficient anchors, although in some places some additions would be nice. (machine translated)

2024-08-29 | Massimo Loriato | |📖|📍|🌊 Low | 🛑 Not done

Water level very low, nearly dry. Not done, preferred Gei integral.

2024-08-17 | Michele Pazzini | ★★★★★ |📖★★★★ |📍★★★ |🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

All belay stations are in order. It is always possible to split up the descent of the 100m waterfalls.

2024-07-28 | System User | |📖|📍| |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Ri delle Sponde, Wasserstand: "wenig" Verankerungen: "gut" Trotz offensichtlich hohen Wasserständen in kürzerer Vergangenheit sind die Installation alle i.O. griffig zu gehen. das wenige Wasser ist "gut temperiert" ;- ) (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1094-ri-delle-sponde>)

2024-07-20 | System User | |📖|📍| |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Ri delle Sponde, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Top " Mit 60 Meter Seile gut machbar. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1094-ri-delle-sponde>)

2024-07-17 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sponde La longitud del rapel más largo son unos 60 metros (puedes encontrar más instalaciones de reuniones de las que dice la topo reseña del libro Dorado Ticino). Longitud mínima de la cuerda de 70 metros para facilitar recuperación. Todas las instalaciones de reuniones en buen estado,o condiciones aceptables y todavía se podían usar ( 2 instalaciones con cadenas en V un poco oxidadas y alguna instalacion con un solo parabolts con argolla). (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2679/observations.html>)

2024-07-17 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sponde Tutte le soste ok! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2679/observations.html>)

2023-11-07 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

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2023-04-05 | Daniel Sturm | |📖★★★★ |📍| | 🛑 Not done

Coordinates and description adjusted. Canyons merged. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ |📖|📍| |

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/2679>

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ |📖|📍| |

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