Val Pianca

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Verzasca		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 IV	**Total time:** 7h5
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1090m	**Altitude exit:** 645m	**Delta Altitude:** 445m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 35
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (4)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1.8 (4)

Specialities:
suitable in rainy weather,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60

Summary: (machine translated)
Open rappel canyon at the top, becoming increasingly narrow at the bottom. Optional: A very long day in combination with Val Porta

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Locarno to Gordola and from there turn off into Valle Verzasca and follow the road to Vogorno.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, the hiking trail to Val Porta and Odro starts, which you follow past a chapel to Colletta, where the path to Odro branches off, which you then follow steeply. Up to an altitude of 1154 m, to the right of a ruin, there is a small path marked in blue. Follow these markings until you reach a stream that actually leads down to the canyon.

Tour: (machine translated)
The tour starts with lots of rappels in a very open environment. It rarely gets difficult; towards the exit, the stream becomes a canyon. You end up directly on the hiking trail.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail at almost the same altitude for 20-25 minutes back to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2264 8.8814
Waypoint 46.2273 8.8782
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2216 8.8624

Reports:

2026-05-13 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Long sunny day. Therefore fantastically beautiful. Very grippy at the top, the further down the more slippery. A long tour that should not be underestimated. We built more cairns in the access to find the way. Two anchors had to be tightened, but otherwise everything was tiptop single hooks. (machine translated)

2024-05-31 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Mostly quite grippy, but very slippery in a few places. Sufficient anchors available but a few additional anchors could be added. The access is not easy to find. At the ruins at 1154m, a tree has fallen down, right at this point you turn right onto a small path. After a few meters the path loses itself and blue dots and cairns begin to mark the way. However, these are not frequent, especially at the beginning. It is important not to descend too far directly, but to continue walking without losing height until the descent to the water is clearly recognizable and marked. (machine translated)

2023-05-20 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
A relatively high water level for this time of year. (machine translated)

2023-05-20 | Patrik Bartel | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
For this canyon rather high water level. (machine translated)