Valle del Salto

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Vallemaggia **Town:** Maggia		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a5 IV	**Total time:** 7h10
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 745m	**Altitude exit:** 370m	**Delta Altitude:** 375m
Canyon length: 3100m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 19.70km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 10-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (11)

Specialities:
Dam (inform operator), Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 65m

Summary: (machine translated)
A long tour that can become tiring towards the exit. As there is only one real highlight in the first two thirds with the 12m slide, the majority of climbers limit themselves to the last part. It is much more attractive, has only 4 abseiling points, the last cascade with 65m; several swimming passages in narrow gorge sections, relatively short walking passages.
The bottom line is that it is simply more rewarding in terms of effort and "return".

Hydrology: (machine translated)
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Highest point in the catchment area: 2360m 70% meadows and forest 30% rocks

Access: (machine translated)
From Locarno --> ri Maggiatal --> main road to the village of Maggia --> at the small shopping center turn right up the road to the church --> turn left over the bridge --> after the S-bend or church take the first road (AI Busgian) to the right --> follow the dead end to the exit --> parking lot at approx. 310Hm (see map).

Approach: (machine translated)
!!!Attention the entry (Start 2) is on private property, the owners have no joy with us!!!!

From the parking lot, go straight across the small meadow past the house (left) --> at the 1st signpost on the right along the stone wall --> follow Steineren Weg (first check the water level at the 65m waterfall. To do this, go behind the houses on the right via the small path to the exit) --> after checking the water level, continue up the stone steps through the iron gate --> at the next signpost turn right towards Giro V. del Salto --> then there is a fork in the path --> below the house continue right (stone signpost Maggia) --> follow the path slightly downhill to signpost 3 --> here continue left towards Giro V. Salto --> after a short time there are 2 houses (the house on the right has collapsed) (approx. 460m) --> behind the collapsed house go through high ferns to a large tree where there is an abseiling point (2 ropes around a branch with a ring) --> approx. 450m (alternative entry to the shortened descent. The access takes about 30 minutes)

If we decide on the access at the water catchment, we continue on the path to there (about 90 min. additional). However, we can also take the path on the orographic left side of the valley to this destination. To do this, we do not go left at signpost 3, but right, cross the Rio Salto on a stone bridge and then take the path to the left at the chapel. This also takes us to the entry point at the water catchment in about the same time.

Tour: (machine translated)
Start the tour below the water catchment at 745m with a jump into the large pool. This is followed by a long walk, with lots of downclimbing and swimming. After about 80 minutes we come to the 12m slide highlight, 30 minutes later we stand above the elongated pool, into which those who prefer the short version rope. Here is the description of the following last part of the ascent:

Arriving at the Baum abseil point (approx. 450m), you rope approx. 45m into the narrow part of the canyon (Attention: make sure to wet the rope beforehand) --> on arrival you stand in hip-deep water --> a swimming passage with a small clamping block in the water follows --> at the exit of the swimming passage there is a small abort which you can first rappel down 11m and jump 7m (stand high up , traverese rope possible) --> after the canyons the canyon opens briefly (several large boulders) before it goes to the next narrow swimming passage (here a large tree root stretches and forms a small siphon) --> this point can be easily climbed over --> another short swimming passage until you are almost below the stone bridge --> at this point there is a bolt on the left which can make walking in the approx. 15m long chute --> below the huge clamping block you can climb approx. 4m can be jumped into deep pools --> short swim to the large boulders where the canyon opens up again --> after the last downclimbs you reach the final waterfall of 65m on the left --> to reach the belay safely, a traversese rope should be set up --> the excellent belay is on the left at head height above the chute (in the middle of the 65m waterfall there is a bolt on the right) --> a 70m rope is recommended for pulling off in large canyons (very nice rappel), It is better to tie a 30m rope to it to be able to pull off outside the pool. --> An emergency exit is left before the final waterfall.

You can exit via the water drainage channel above the final waterfall. You can also deposit a 70 m rappel rope in the final waterfall during access. In this way, you can avoid having to change in the vertical.

Our time requirement for this last part is about 200 minutes.

Return: (machine translated)

After the large pool at an altitude of approx. 330 m, descend to the right over concrete steps --> the hiking trail leads to the small grape field --> then ascend briefly to the right until you are back at the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2643 8.7296
Canyon End 46.2509 8.7064
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2502 8.7036
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.2510 8.7065
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2513 8.7089
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2533 8.7163

Reports:

2026-08-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto Très longues parties de marche ou de nage. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-08-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto Résumé en deux mots: marche et nageLe tout début, belles vasques avec quelques sauts. Plutôt un spot pour se baigner nu avec sa chérie. Le T20 est néanmoins exceptionnel et peut se refaire plusieurs fois en remontant dans la petite gorge en rive gauche.Deuxième parties, marche et nage dans de longs biefs. Un packraft serait utile ????. Avec toute la flotte qu'il y a dans ce canyon, on pourrait irriguer le Sahara pendant un millénaire. A partir de la deuxième entrée, c'est chouette.C'était très très long, mais c'était beau quand même. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-08-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto Des vasques magnifiques, des sauts, des tobs, surtout ce 20m qui te décolle et te remet dans la pente ! Le dernier rappelé de 65m a l’arrivée est magnifique (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-08-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto Debit correct , de très beaux biefs et de jolis sauts . Le passage avant de passer sous le pont est splendide ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-08-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto Nous sommes rentrés à la dernière confluence du canyon, soit par le premier affluent rencontré sur la marche d’approche RG. Affluent sec pas du tout équipé mais qui passe bien sur amarrages naturels. Attention il faudra des grandes longueurs de corde ! Ça tombe bien vous les avez normalement pour la dernière cascade. Cette entrée est un bon compromis pour éviter de faire simplement la dernière partie tout en shuntant beaucoup de marche et de nage. Seuls dans le canyon ce jour là. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-08-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-06-27 | MarcoW | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Also there: Damian, Jenny, Dario, Maik, Jule, Corin (machine translated)

2026-06-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto Toujours très beau, et long .. superbe final (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2026-06-05 | Jackcachpot | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Entry at the top of the water intake. There are usually anchors, but some of them—especially in the lower section—are difficult to reach. The upper section also has some more challenging downclims. Overall, it’s very slippery. (machine translated)

2025-09-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto C’est long… beaucoup de marche et de nage!8h20 voiture à voiture. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2025-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Salto A lot of swimming and walking on slippery rocks (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2684/observations.html)

2025-09-08 | stijn van de Ven | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Way too long way too much swimming for me
