Val Porta

Val Porta,Vogorno

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Locarno **Town:** Vogorno		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 4h45
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 645m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 175m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Watery forest gorge with a few slides and possible jumps.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
We go up into the Verzasca Valley until Vogorno (495m above sea level). There we take the narrow road up to Costapiana. About 50 m after the second (outside the village) leftward haipin bend (620m a.s.l.) we park the car on the right in a small parking bay.

Approach: (machine translated)
Directly in front of the parking bay there are numerous signposts on a metal pole, including one to "Colletta". We follow it and in a few minutes we arrive at the bridge over the Torrente Molino on a quasi-horizontal path through vineyards (see separate description). Continue along the path, pass the chapel at the hamlet of Coletta (670 m altitude) and, on the path that now slopes slightly, reach an orographic left side stream of the Porta and in it, a few meters downhill, the entry to the Porta (645 m altitude).

Tour: (machine translated)
Relatively unimpressive at first, the canyon gains in quality as you descend. Finally, it goes down to the reservoir in an attractive ambience. Drill hooks are present and in acceptable quality. Mostly, however, only simply drilled in. Partly there are possibilities to rappel outside the rappel. Since the canyon is quite wide, in the boulder sections sometimes some time is needed to find the anchors.

Towards the exit you can rappel into a "grotto". Not unspectacular especially for beginners.

Water level control at the entry (see picture).

Return: (machine translated)
To the right up the steep slope with a small climb (if you want to avoid the latter, there are also exits before, read in the book of Nizzola, but not easy to find). We come to a saddle and follow the path to the left uphill. We meet another path and we go up it first to the right, but at the first opportunity we go up again to the left. At the first left switchback outside the village of Vogorno we come back to the approach road (well, 550m a.s.l.). From here on the road or a shortcut footpath in a few minutes up to the car.

Alternatively, exit at an old water intake. Here was a cairn on the right in 2023, then downclimb over rungs on the orographic right side. From the place you can see a piece ahead already an aluminum ladder that is installed "fixed". Climb over it. Afterwards, without a path (at least we did not find a clear path) upwards until you meet a path. Follow it to the left. One meets then at the exit of the bridge on the road and goes to the right or left (depending on the selected parking lot) back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2205 8.8736
Canyon End 46.2193 8.8631
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2223 8.8585
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.2206 8.8738
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2179 8.8604

Reports:

2026-09-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Porta Equipement OK. DC- (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23167/observations.html)

2025-09-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
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2025-08-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Val della Porta, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Super coole Schlucht, Wasserstand war mittel aber gut machbar. Ausstieg links der Hang hoch zur Strasse dort wo die Brücke beginnt (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1119-val-della-porta)

2025-07-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Porta Equipment ok. We did the descente until the lake and swim back to Vogorno. Plenty of jumps and small slides. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23167/observations.html)

2024-08-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Porta Quelque armarage sont disparu et l'eau du lac est trop bas, dont après la c20 il faut nager 750m (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23167/observations.html)

2023-09-09 | Daniel Sturm | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Some stands well hidden. Overall sufficiently equipped. Basin largely free. (machine translated)

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