Cippetto

Ruisseau de Cippetto,Canyon de Barchetta

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Country: France **Region:** Corse / Corsica Island **Subregion:** Haute-Corse / Upper Corsica **Town:** Barchetta

Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 II	**Total time:** 3h35
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 320m	**Altitude exit:** 110m	**Delta Altitude:** 210m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.1 (5)	**Info:** ★ 1 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x35m

Summary: (machine translated)
Quite a nice canyon - not as attractive as described elsewhere - difficult access.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Bastia on the N193 approx. 20 km southwards, then at the traffic circle behind Casamozza in the direction of Corte, Ajaccio, along the Golo. After 8.5 km you reach Barchetta. 4 km further on, immediately after a railroad bridge, park the lower car.
If you want to work with conversion, which I do not necessarily recommend: Take the second car from Barchetta (eastern exit of the village) on the D15 northwards on a winding road up to Volpajola and from there just along the mountainside towards Campitello. 4 km after the village we pass a Bergerie building on the right. 500m further on we are at the bridge over the Cippetto. Now we drive back 300m and park the upper car on the wide verge next to the bends. Distance covered: 10.5 km.

Approach: (machine translated)
By shuttle: From the parking lot, a track leads down the earthy slope and heads towards the stream. Follow it, first left, then right, down to a prominent rocky ledge that descends from the right-hand slope. Enter the streambed here (20 min.).

Without shuttle: Continue on the N193 from the parking lot there for about 80m. Cross the Cippetto. Now turn right onto a path that climbs up to a ledge in about 15 minutes. Now you can see a group of cork oaks further up the slope. Once you have reached these, you can see a mountain farm even further up.
According to the descriptions of the approach at descente-canyon.com and in the book by Jourdan/Fiorina (under "Nota"), you should now climb further past the bergerie (20 meters up to 345m above sea level) and then cross the stream in an easterly direction (slightly downhill). The entry is then at 320m above sea level and not at 220m above sea level, as can be read in Jourdan/Fiorina (this error is based on an incorrect altitude entry on the topographic view: "229" at the confluence of the Cippetto and the right tributary Licciolu).
According to the Google map -satellite-, however, a crossing into the stream should already be possible a few meters below the Bergerie and - in my opinion - pretty much exactly to the first rappel C7 (see map sketch under "Photos").
However, the ascent from below seems more recommendable than the access from above with shuttle.
Commercial guides apparently also ascend from below (approx. 65 min).

Tour: (machine translated)
First some smaller rappels (starting with the C7) and slides, then the C22 (with handrail). After a few more steps, you get to the C50. Here, apparently, there are now various intermediate stands. During my ascent (2003), the roughly central transfer was so awkwardly placed that we roped through the 50m. Now - also after the following C5 - you can exit to the right on a relatively clear path that leads down to the N193, if you want to spare yourself the further descent in a kind of forest canyon.

Return: (machine translated)
Exit directly onto N193

Coordinates:
Canyon End 42.5109 9.3404
Parking at Entry 42.5192 9.3392
Parking at Exit 42.5106 9.3389
Canyon Start 42.5149 9.3373

Reports:

2026-05-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cippetto Dommage que les habitants utilisent le début du ruisseau comme décharge (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2317/observations.html)

2026-02-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cippetto Canyon végétal plutôt ludique. Cette semaine pas de pluie et le niveau d'eau agréable mais ca ne pousse pas dans les rappels. L'eau doit porter l'odeur de la déchetterie plus haut car ca a imprégné la corde (ne pas boire la tasse) ! On a mis 2h pour l'accès, en partant RG. Ca griffe de partout laissez votre costume au placard (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2317/observations.html)

2025-12-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cippetto Descendu ce jour après les pluies récentes de la semaine.Hésitant entre DC + ou Gros débit -, mais régalade pour ceux qui maîtrisent les rappels arrosés, ça peut éventuellement bouger jusqu'au milieu de la C50 cf. Photo (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2317/observations.html)

2025-05-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cippetto À quel point peut-il être difficile de créer un lien vers une piste GPS qui montre clairement l'approche d'un canyon moins visité ? Au lieu de faire des descriptions telles que « marcher à travers les arbres vers d'autres arbres puis vers des arbres plus hauts », créez simplement une piste sur une application GPS. cela nous aurait épargné bien des égratignures et du temps ici, par exemple. De plus, 3 sources différentes indiquent 3 points de départ différents. tout faux. Le bon (en commençant au sommet de c6-c12) est à 42,51492, 9,33730 et à 292 m d'altitude. Le reste du canyon n'a pas grand chose à voir. Rappels faciles, eau calme, froide et claire. Au fait : voici un lien avec une piste d'approche. ignorez tous les éléments qui ont mal tourné... : https://www.gaiagps.com/datasummary/track/1809d98b-052a-4db6-ac94-6ef925dcaf2c/ (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2317/observations.html)

2025-05-05 | Jo Haegeman | ⭐ ⭐ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
How hard can it be to link to a GPS track that clearly shows the approach to a lesser-visited canyon? Instead of making descriptions like "walk through trees to more trees and then to taller trees," just create a track on a GPS app. It would have saved us a lot of scratches and time here, for example. Also, 3 different sources list 3 different starting points. All wrong. The correct one (starting at the top of c6-c12) is at 42.51492, 9.33730, and 292 m elevation. The rest of the canyon is not much to look at. Easy rappels, calm, cold, clear water. By the way: here is a link to an approach track. ignore all the things that went wrong...:
https://www.gaiagps.com/datasummary/track/1809d98b-052a-4db6-ac94-6ef925dcaf2c/

2025-05-02 | Clarissa Linder | ⭐ ⭐ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Description as "complete canyon" probably a bit exaggerated ;) was "quite nice". Access difficult to find, rather pathless (many thorn bushes!) Currently you can not park at the described parking bay because of a construction site, about 500m further east possible (then you can swim directly in the river to the car after the canyon) (machine translated)

2025-04-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
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2025-04-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
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