

Val Grande (superiore)

Val Grande superiore, Riale Chiegg-Riale Teia, Gordevio - Val Grande superiore

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino Subregion: Bezirk Vallemaggia Town: Gordevio		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a3 IV	Total time: 5h35
Approachtime: 1h15	Tourtime: 3h50	Returntime: 30min
Altitude entry: 800m	Altitude exit: 450m	Delta Altitude: 350m
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 37m	Amount rapells:
Transport:	Rock type:	drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.6 (3)	Info: ★ 3 (1)	Belay: ★ 3 (1)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x40m		
Summary: (machine translated) At the beginning vertical rappel canyon, later narrow canyon and towards the exit hiking canyon with smaller rappels and slides. 1h access (at lunchtime in the sun!); be sure to check water level at the lower stone bridge; medium-high rappel; key section after tributary; longer tour; clean cold water; some trees in the canyon; most sun from noon.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) As for the V. Gr. inferiore: coming from Locarno, turn into the Maggia Valley at Ponte Brola. After about 4.5 km cross the stream coming from Val Grande and immediately after the bridge turn right onto a dirt road. This is followed to its exit, the last meters across an agricultural estate. Now park car on the side of the road above the stream. An alternative access is via the tarred road that leaves to the right before the bridge. Park here in front of the barrier in a suitable place.		
Approach: (machine translated) Initially as for Val Gr. inferiore: from the parked car on the path continue upstream, keeping right through the property of a "collector" and on a bridge over the creek. After the bridge, go up on the tarred road. This crosses the Val Grande again. Where you reach some houses, you go up on a mule track under chestnut trees on the right towards Salvabella - apparently a kind of Calvary path. At a prominent bend to the left (520m a.s.l.), a path branches off to the right under trees, signifying the beginning of the descent to the entry to the lower part of Val Grande. But we continue up the main path, passing the few houses of the hamlet of Döмна (60m a.s.l.) and at 765m a.s.l. we come to a fork in the path with a signpost: we follow the instruction "Cortascia, Chiegg" to the right and at 800m a.s.l. we reach the stone bridge over our stream - in front of it on the right a somewhat larger wayside shrine. To the left of the bridge, a chute leads down to the entry.		

Tour: (machine translated)

Arrived at the stone bridge (approx. 770Hm) you immediately enjoy the wonderful view --> to make the descent into the stream before the bridge left safe, a rope should be set up on the railing approx. 15m --> then it starts immediately with the rappels in open terrain R4, C37, C25, R30, R26 --> over the next small steps can be slid or descended --> then follows a rappel left approx. 27m before it becomes narrower --> in the narrow passage is rappelled left approx. 5m rappel into the narrow passage (big jammed tree) --> several uncomplicated rappel passages follow --> in between short walking passages and small climbs --> at the big boulders you have the possibility to take the emergency exit left --> after the boulders there is a tributary left and a big clamping block with the key passage C26 left (the arrival basin is narrow and turbulent --> in case of a lot of water it is dangerous) --> in case of a lot of water it is dangerous --> in case of a lot of water it is dangerous)-> dangerous with a lot of water) --> after this breathtaking place there is a small narrow passage --> the next rappels are no longer difficult --> in between there are always walking and downclimbing places --> at the end of the superioere the terrain becomes flatter --> at an open place (slight left bend) you have at approx. 450Hm right the exit.

Return: (machine translated)

At about 450Hm there is a steep exit or access from the canyon on the right --> once at the top, turn left and return to the trail that has already gone up --> follow it to the parking lot --> 2nd option: via Val Grande to the trail that has already gone up --> follow it to the parking lot --> 2nd option: descend via Val Grande inferiore (2-3h).

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.2253 8.7651](#)

Canyon End [46.2219 8.7583](#)

Reports:

2024-10-05 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

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2024-08-13 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

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2024-07-20 | Urs K. |★★★★☆|📖★★★★|📍★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Everything super and in order. Sup&Inf made, 7 people, 4.5h descent. (machine translated)

2024-06-28 | Wolfgang |★★★★☆|📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Went inferiore & superioere today. Everything ok here...perfect conditions. (machine translated)

2024-06-13 | System User | |📖|📍| |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Val Grande superioere, Wasserstand: "weing" Verankerungen: "gut" Teilweise 1-2 Haken lose bei den trockenen Abseilstellen, rest i.O. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/?view=article&id=1099&Itemid=203>)

2023-11-06 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

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2023-03-09 | System User |★★★|📖|📍| |

Daten importiert von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/ValGrandesuperioereCanyon.html>

Parts:

Val Grande (superioere), v4 a3 IV, 1h15+3h50+30min

Val Grande (inferiore), v3 a4 III, 45min+3h+5min