

# Pontirone (Superiore)

Pontirone Superiore, Lesgiüna, Pontirone superiore - Lesgiuna superiore, Lesgiuna superiore

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<b>Country:</b> Schweiz / Switzerland <b>Region:</b> Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino <b>Subregion:</b> Bezirk Riviera <b>Town:</b> Malvaglia		
<b>Difficulty:</b> a little difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v4 a4 IV	<b>Total time:</b> 4h20
<b>Approachtime:</b> 5min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 4h	<b>Returntime:</b> 15min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 830m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 470m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 360m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 2600m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 30m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 13
<b>Transport:</b> Car optional	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Season:</b> June - September	<b>Orientation:</b> West	<b>Best Time:</b> 10-12 o clock
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 4 (6)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 2.5 (2)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 2.3 (3)
<b>Specialities:</b> Dam (inform operator),		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x 35m		
<b>Summary:</b> (machine translated) Long, in places deeply cut canyon with some hiking trails. Possible jumps up to 15m and a rather aquatic 30m waterfall are the highlights of this scenic tour. The canyon has a large catchment area; long walking passages; several rocky downclimb passages; day tour; artificial water catchment at the beginning of the tour (Info: 0041 (0)91 756 66 15).		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		
<b>Access:</b> (machine translated) From Biasca one drives in the direction of Lucomagno. At Ponte Lesgiuna, before the big bridge on the right (town sign 'Valle di Blenio'), park the shuttle car (380Hm). With the 2nd car one continues in northern direction (Malvaglia). In Malvaglia turn right towards Malvaglia Chiesa and follow the road for about 700m (northwards). At marker 372 follow the signs for Val Malvaglia and Pontirone, pass marker 640 and continue up towards Val Pontirone. Just before the village of Pontirone, turn right onto a forest road. The forest road descends slightly to the bridge where you park your car at the water intake.		
<b>Approach:</b> (machine translated) From the parking lot descend by the bridge to the stream (830Hm).		
<b>Tour:</b> (machine translated) At 30m rappel there is orographic right about in the middle of an intermediate stand from which the remaining part of the waterfall can be rappelled dry or from which can be jumped. The upper part of the canyon ends after a boulder chaos that is best downclimbed on the orographic right bank. To the left there is an emergency exit from the gorge (cairn and red color point). The lower part should also be done. Vor and after the tour please call the power plant operator at +41 91 756 66 15.  The Pontirone superiore is a long and deep granite gorge. The long walking sections are followed by short abseils, some of which are aquatic. After checking the water depth, several places can also be jumped. The water level should be estimated correctly before the ascent because in the middle part of the canyon there is a 30m narrow section/step which can be very unpleasant at higher water levels. At the 30m rappel there is orographic right about in the middle of an intermediate stand from which the remaining part of the waterfall can be rappelled dry or from which you can jump. In addition, one is for a long time in a very secluded environment. Between the longer walking passages, especially in the lower part of the Pontirone inferiore, there are large rock labyrinths where you have to climb your way down. In general, the canyon is worth seeing, but the highlight is and remains the short and very impressive Pontirone inferiore, which can be added after the superiore (see Pontirone inferiore).		

**Return:** (machine translated)

At 470Hm at Felschaos can be exited on the orographic left side. After a short steep ascent comes the cross-cut and descent to the main road (parking lot). Alternative: descent via the Pontirone inferiore (Attention: 2x50m ropes necessary!).

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.3817 9.0193](#)

Parking at Entry [46.3832 9.0172](#)

Parking at Exit [46.3881 8.9862](#)

Canyon End [46.3878 8.9897](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.3825 9.0029](#)

## Reports:

2024-09-20 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) DC, très nombreux embacles et chaos rocheux, mais malgré tout, une ambiance magnifique. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-09-19 | Bavarian Canyoning |⭐⭐⭐|📖|📍|⭐⭐|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

We entered via the side stream. There are 6 rappels to complete, with the last one landing directly in the main trench at approx. 60 m. All pools were deep and the stands are in good condition. At the exit of the canyon there are some jams and many high passages to downclimb. (machine translated)

2024-09-17 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Avons fait l'intégrale, DC-canyon très sympa, de jolis passages, des sauts, des tobs. Pas mal de marche et désescalades en blocs plutôt techniques donc agréables. Fait à 7, tout le monde à apprécié !! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-09-17 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Superbe les quelques embâcles n'ont pas posé de problème comme le laisse penser le commentaire précédant 3h pour l'intégrale pont a pont (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-09-09 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Team international brams Wolfgang fait l'integral avec navette équipement du haut très très limite... (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-09-09 | Wolfgang |⭐⭐⭐⭐|📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Always beautiful Pontirone from above. A few wooden obstructions have to be overcome, ...but a lot of jumps are possible. The anchors are ok. The three of us did both parts comfortably in about 4 hours. (machine translated)

2024-08-27 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Nombreux embacles et chaos de blocs qui rendent la progression lente, difficile voire pénible. Plusieurs amarrages naturels, de mono points: l'équipement est globalement vieillissant et les vasques sont souvent remplies de blocs. Sondez bien avant de sauter ! A mon avis, le canyon a bien changé depuis sa note de 3... (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-08-17 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Prima metà della parte alta con molti alberi in mezzo alle pozze ed i corridoi allagati. Seconda metà più ludica dopo la calata da 30 frazionata a dx. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-08-15 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Beaucoup de troncs et d'embacles, être vigilant ! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-08-12 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Je recommande. Une toute belle descente. Quelques zones de block tombé il y a peu. Et de jolis troncs d'arbre avec des embacles. Mais tous ce passe facilement si on aime la descente. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-08-04 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Fait l'intégrale. Beaucoup de gros troncs de pins dans cette partie, qui gachent un peu la descente. Sinon top. Seuls. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html>)

2024-07-26 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

**Parts:**

Pontirone (Superiore), v4 a4 IV, 5min+4h+15min

Pontirone (Inferiore), v4 a4 III, 20min+1h30+1min