# Val d'Efra

<b>Rating:</b> ☆ 3.5 (2)	Info: 🖈 2.7 (3)	<b>Belay: ★</b> 2.5 (2)
Season: July - September	Orientation: West	Best Time: 10-13 o clock
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: km²
Canyon length: 2500m	Highest rapell: 35m	Amount rapells: 22
Altitude entry: 1350m	Altitude exit: 880m	Delta Altitude: 470m
Approachtime: 1h30	Tourtime: 6h	Returntime: 0min
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v3 a4 III	Total time: 7h30
<b>Country:</b> Schweiz / Switzerland <b>Re</b> Frasco	gion: Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino	<b>Subregion:</b> Bezirk Locarno <b>Town:</b>
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## Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary: (machine translated)

Long river walk interrupted by some charming passages.

### Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

Coming from the highway exit Bellinzona Süd, cross the river Ticino, pass Locarno airport and then straight on at the traffic circle to the T-junction. Turn left here and follow the signs into the Verzasca Valley via Gordola, past the dam, along the reservoir to Vogorno (11.3 km from the crossing of the Ticino). From Vogorno we continue along the reservoir to Lavertezzo and from there towards Brione. Here continue towards Gerra and then Frasco as far as the bridge over the Riale d'Efra.

# **Approach:** (machine translated)

From the bridge, follow the road for approx. 50 m. A path goes uphill to the right between the houses. Follow this and turn right when it reaches the exit of a road. At the next junction, take the path on the right, which is less steep and enters the valley. Follow the path for a good 90 minutes until you reach Chignö/Chignolo (1360 m).

Alternative start a little earlier at approx. 1260m before the steep ascent directly into the river bed.

#### Tour: (machine translated)

Very long tour with some interesting sections, some of which are slippery. The lower parts are also partly slippery at higher abseiling points. Check out well. Very open character. Emergency exit possible at almost any time, except in the last section where it is cut in.

Return: (machine translated)

Get off at the bridge. You are directly at the car.

#### **Coordinates:**

Alternative Canyon Start 46.3428 8.8329

Canyon Start 46.3427 8.8371

Waterlevel Meter Site 46.3378 8.8061

Canyon End 46.3378 8.8061

Parking Entry and Exit 46.3376 8.8061

### Reports:

2024-08-14 | Simone Steffke |  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$   $\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$  |  $\stackrel{\square}{\square}$   $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\sim}$   $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\sim}$  |  $\stackrel{\Longrightarrow}{\leftarrow}$  High |  $\stackrel{\longleftarrow}{\sim}$  Completed

Water level high at the CP after the thunderstorm the evening before, but falling during the ascent. Entry at 1280 hM. Access to there 50 min. Anchor ok, partly something to look for. Relatively long walking passages, but good grip. Nice jumps and slides (after checking). There is a charge for parking, but almost all payment systems are possible (Twint, Easypark, Parkingpay, Verzasca ParkingCard). (machine translated)

2024-08-04 | Urs K. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏳 ★ ★ ★ | 🗯 Normal | 🖒 Completed

The official parking lot was full, about 500m further you can drive down at the church to a paid parking lot (7h costs about CHF 15.-). We were 5 people, 6.5 hours for access and ascent. At the beginning very grippy and not slippery, towards the exit where the canyon is cut more slippery. If you have a practiced eye, you will also find some jumps (2 to approx. 10m). Once you have parked at the bottom, you can return to the car at the exit to the left of the stream. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 | 🕏 | |

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