Lodrino (intermedio)

Lodrino intermedio,Lodrino,Val Lodrino intermedio

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Riviera **Town:** Lodrino		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v4 a5 IV	**Total time:** 3h15
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 650m	**Altitude exit:** 490m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 950m	**Highest rapell:** 47m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** granite	**Drainage area:** 17.00km²
Season: July - September	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 10-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.8 (25)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (19)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (24)

Warnings:
inactive: *Avoid disturbance through mass canyoning* (11.08.25 - 31.08.25)
After RIC 2025 big groups have been reported that caused litter at the parking sites, occupied private property, partied loud after canyoning and parked without considering access by local inhabitants. Local communities are already pissed! In order to avoid negative consequences and regulations please make sure that you act considering the environment and local communities. Please us every car completey to avoid congestions at the parkings, use alternative parking, be quiet, restict whistle use in the canyon to a minimum, respect local catholic culture by not undressing visibly and use clothing for ascent. Do not party after canyoning in the parking spots and remove your litter please!

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon in beautiful granite rock with optional jumps. Very beautiful, deep canyon with turbulent pools and crystal-clear water.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Can only be walked on without risk after a long dry spell

Indicative measuring point, no direct measured value:
Little: <150l/sec; Medium: 150-400l/sec; Much: 400-1000l/sec>; Too much: 1000l/sec
https://www.hydrodaten.admin.ch/it/seen-und-fluesse/stationen-und-daten/2612
ATTENTION: this measuring point is located in the Verzasca valley, on the other side of the mountain! Checking this value alone is in NO WAY sufficient to reliably estimate the flow rate in the Lodrino.

Access: (machine translated)
From the highway junction (Gotthard/Bernardino) in the north of Bellinzona, head north on the N 2. Shortly after passing through Cresciano, turn left and drive to the other side of the valley to Lodrino (approx. 12 km from the highway junction). Drive into the village (right) and after the bridge over the stream take the 3rd road on the left. Park your first car in front of the cemetery (the parking spaces in front of the supermarket and under the trees in the center of the village should not be used).
Take the second car north towards Iragna and after almost 2 km (from Lodrino) turn left immediately after the houses of Rodaglio at a business (GPS coordinates: 46°19'02.46 "N / 8°58'19.70 "E) onto a small road that takes you up to the houses of Legri (a turn-off to the right). - Ignore the access road to the upper Iragna) Continue straight ahead on the small road until it exits onto an open area (helipad) (or continues as a dirt road in a westerly direction). Do not park on the large gravel surface here, as this is a commercial helicopter take-off and landing site! There are no stopping signs for a reason!

Approach: (machine translated)
At the large open area (580Hm) a hiking path starts immediately to the right upwards --> follow this past the house and then without much difference in altitude along the canyon --> the path is exposed in some places and leads to the iron bridge that leads over the Lodrino --> cross the bridge and follow the hiking path to the third bend --> from here a very exposed path goes right next to the canyon to the stream (entry 650Hm). (approx. 30 minutes)

Tour: (machine translated)
! very dangerous if there is a lot of water!

After the spectacular access you continue in the stream --> the first cascade is bypassed on the left (left tree for rappelling) --> the next point can usually be jumped after checking the depth and strength of the current (attention, you have to jump far forward, the place is already known to the Swiss air rescue (REGA) as a frequently frequented accident site!) --> immediately afterwards follows the highest rappel with 47m (here you can rappel spectacularly free-hanging on the left at the water or on the right, but with strong rope friction.) --> from here the canyon runs deep --> further on you have several walking and small climbing passages --> jumps should always be controlled as the canyon changes a lot --> in the middle of the canyon there are short abseiling sections in the water course, which can be problematic at higher water levels --> the deep pools also often have a strong current and should not be underestimated --> at the end of the parts that have been rappelled there is a swimming passage --> from here you still have a walking passage and small climbs until the last rappel --> after the rappel you walk for a while through the now rather open streambed until you reach a bridge that runs only a few meters above the streambed (this is NOT the bridge known from the approach). The exit of the Lodrino intermedio is on the left bank of the bridge.

Return: (machine translated)
To the left of the bridge, you can climb over a large boulder onto the bridge. The path leads through the conspicuous intersection to the top left back to the car. (approx. 15 minutes)

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2939 8.9622
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2978 8.9733
Canyon End 46.2964 8.9708

Reports:

2026-09-05 | Demouser | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 High | 👍 Completed
I have been here!

2025-10-28 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) Brutal barranco, todas las instalaciones estan en perfecto estado!!! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-10-09 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) Conditions sportives mais fantastiques dans le Lodrino intermedio, même si le temps de 2 heures est difficile à respecter, même pour un groupe rapide de trois personnes. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-10-09 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Good trip! Beautiful canyon. Water levels are okey. We took all the aquatic lines. Sometimes it looks impressive. But with some knowledge of the canyon and a good team good to go ◫ We did it with a training course. Only the intermedio

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2025-10-09 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 High | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon. Mixed anchoring. (machine translated)

2025-09-22 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) À faire avec Chris seignus val d’alos en kayak, sinon infranchissable (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-09-21 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 High | 👍 Completed
Intermedio + inferiore done. Despite a little more water, everything was doable. Entry to exit approx. 3.5h for four. (machine translated)

2025-09-21 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) Ok (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-09-21 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) Pas pire beau secours pour mon biggy belle équipe de clodo (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-09-21 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) DC+, relais de la 50 en RG, MC en place. Le reste RAS (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-09-19 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) DCTout passe (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-09-08 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) GD toujours au top, fait intermédiaire et final RAS, amarrages RAS (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-09-08 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lodrino (intermédiaire) GD facile. Pas de mouvement dangereux. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2986/observations.html)

2025-08-26 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed

Parts:
Lodrino (superiore) dx, v4 a4 III, 2h+5h+20min
Lodrino (intermedio), v4 a5 IV, 30min+2h30+15min
Lodrino (inferiore), v5 a5 IV, 15min+3h30+5min