Pontirone (Superiore)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Riviera **Town:** Malvaglia		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h20
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 830m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 360m
Canyon length: 2600m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:** 10-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (6)

Specialities:
Dam (inform operator),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 35m

Summary: (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).

Hydrology:

Access: (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.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot descend by the bridge to the stream (830Hm).

Tour: (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.\nVor 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 inferior, 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:

2025-08-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Le point rouillée n'est pas gênant car il ne sert pas (saut de 3/4m).Ras sur l'équipement, les sauts sont faisables.Beaucoup de marche (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html)

2025-08-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html)

2025-08-03 | Roman | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful. Full grip and freshly cleaned! Water crystal clear, but cool. Water level slightly higher than normal. Went well, the one rappel really washed. Jumps mostly free (machine translated)

2025-07-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Première c30 un peu problématique avec ce débit, le reste passe correctement. Prévoir un ou deux points en plus pour le départ (une plaquette pliée sur une vasque suspendue) qui saute après être aller sonder au masque en premier. Le rappel de corde à cet endroit là peut être problématique et le seul point disponible est vieux et rouillé et a 3,5M de haut sur la rive gauche. Beau canyon assez discontinu. On a mis 5h15 à deux pour l'intégral, pont à pont. Retour pour monter chercher la voiture en 1h10, à vide. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html)

2025-06-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pontirone (supérieur) Soooo nice. Wonderful jumps. Walking parts still dominant :P (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22524/observations.html)

2025-05-04 | Bubtore | ★ ★ ★ ★ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
The wood blockages have become more compact since last year, now it's easier to get through (fewer Mikado spots). The water level is sporty, from 30 to the intermediate level you can really feel the water creeping into the pores. (machine translated)

2025-05-02 | Wolfgang | ★ ★ ★ ★ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Still high water level, a few trees are hiking further down, so again a few "new paths" through the hid places compared to last year (machine translated)

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 plutot 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 précédant3h 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

Parts:
Pontirone (Superiore), v4 a4 IV, 5min+4h+15min
Pontirone (Inferiore), v4 a4 III, 20min+1h30+1min