Lirone

Orrido di Osteno, Valle di Ponna, Lirone inf.,Torrente Lirone,Vallon de Lirone,Valle di Ponna,Livone

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Como **Town:** Claino con Osteno		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 V	**Total time:** 1h50
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 1h45	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 450m	**Altitude exit:** 280m	**Delta Altitude:** 170m
Canyon length: 1200m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 12-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (13)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (10)

Specialities:
Inflow,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Very beautiful, narrow canyon; large tributary in the lower part; several jumps and slides; entry possible just before the bridge at Claino; stream exits in Lago di Lugano (barbecue, bathing and shower facilities; half-day tour; exposure north; good protection almost everywhere with chain anchors).

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Large catchment area! Water level...see photo.
2 washers: Beginner, 1 washer: sporty, above really challenging but not unreasonable. Attention: As the measuring point is 4-5m wide, 1cm more level means a significantly higher water flow behind the confluence!!! Special mention should be made of an inflow from the "Intelvi" valley, which triples the amount of water before the last three abseiling points

Access: (machine translated)
From Domaso, drive next to Lake Como on the SS340 first in a southerly direction (village of Menaggio) Attention! Do NOT turn into Menaggio, but between the tunnels, do not miss the exit to the west towards Porlezza (Lago di Lugano) (no GPS signal). After some time you will reach the village of Porlezza. Here you turn left from the main road onto the SP14 in the direction of Osteno/Claino. After about 6 km of lake road you reach the small village of Osteno. Here you park the car at the large parking exit between the stream and the sports field (= parking exit). For the most interesting lower part of the gorge (variant 1) you don't need a shuttle car, because you can reach the entry by a footpath in about 15 minutes. Alternatively: Schuttle parking lot near the cemetery of Claino or take the bus!
For option 2 you need a shuttle car or bus. Drive up the mountain road (SP14) from the village of Claino for about 900m until you see a timber company with a timber yard on the left. Here you park the car on the left on the gravel road/parking lot (the road leads directly to the entry).

Approach: (machine translated)
(on foot: 15min)
Option 1 (15min): From the parking lot at the lake, walk up to Claino in 10 minutes or park at the cemetery in Claino. From there, walk 5 minutes through the village to the Lavaio (wash house). Shortly before, a path secured with wire ropes leads under the railing into the streambed.
Variant 2 (5min): If you want to walk along the Lirone from higher up, walk from the gravel road/parking lot next to the timber company (see approach) in the direction of the stream. You will soon come to the stone bridge that crosses the Lirone. Cross the bridge and after a few meters you will come to another small bridge. Turn left here, before the bridge, and follow the steep path past an old ruin down into the stream (approx. 450m).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Lirone is a short watery canyon cut deep into the limestone rock with beautiful rock formations, washouts and narrow sections. The entry at the top at the timber company is certainly a little easier (+30min time required) but with three small steps and unattractive, partly blocked walking terrain, it is not recommended. From or below the Claino road bridge, the route becomes really steep and interesting. There are several abseils (max. 16m) in the water, which can often be slid or jumped. The pools are usually washed out to a depth and should not be underestimated due to the water flow. After the last abseiling point, there is an approx. 80m long swimming passage that leads out of the narrow canyon into the wide open streambed that you follow to the bridge/parking lot or lake. Exit at approx. 280m.

Return: (machine translated)
After the bridge, at about 280m, exit the shallow streambed to the right over the streambed wall directly to the parking lot or continue to Lago di Como and exit left at the beach.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.9979 9.0829
Parking at Exit 46.0070 9.0857
Parking at Entry 45.9977 9.0823
Canyon End 46.0071 9.0853
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.0061 9.0848
Alternative Canyon Start 46.0014 9.0868
Parking at Entry 46.0044 9.0885

Reports:

2025-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone Avons commencé 3 cascades en amont, équipé ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2025-08-18 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
As the streambed at the exit of the canyon has completely changed, the reference flow rate can no longer be checked with the nut. Now you can check the flow rate directly at the bridge. Some wood in the canyon in the middle section. Otherwise top. Picture water level = low flow. (machine translated)

2025-07-29 | rob | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
beautiful little canyon! magnificent rock formations, beautiful slides! big surprise along the lake. equipement very good (machine translated)

2025-07-17 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
High side of low water level. Running clear. About 90min car to car (lower entry point). Before the second creek comes in from the left side, we didn't get the rope out. All the slides were good to go!! Immediately after the creek enters from the left, the next pitch could possibly be slid, but could be... uncomfortable! Incredibly beautiful rock formations. A little dark at times. Super fun and easy canyon. Wouldn't underestimate it in higher flows - as there is no opportunity to escape. However, you could certainly push the levels if you knew the section well and were a strong swimmer! Super good, definitely worth visiting. Loses half a star for moderate levels of rubbish at the start.

2024-09-20 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Very attractive canyon with some canyons and extremely beautiful rock formations. However, the pools in the upper area are not deep enough for jumping, but rather only in the lower area. Lots of garbage and junk in the canyon. The belays were fine and the rock was grippy. (machine translated)

2024-09-16 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
First unsure when checking the water level because, as described in the photo, the washers were completely dry but there was already enough water flowing further down. Checked at entry and then went through at normal water level. Quite gravely but some nice jumps and slides doable. From the inflow double the amount of water but no problem for experienced canyoneers. At the exit of the canyon 50m to go out. Attention at the exit at our time they were dredging there at the water check, when we got out they were on lunch break and we could easily pass the construction vehicles back to the parking lot. A superiore tour. Photos from the water check and exit (machine translated)

2024-08-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone Al final del descenso, debido a un afluente, el caudal se multiplica por 10, pero no nos dio ningún problema (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2024-08-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone On avait prévu de le faire et ils prévoyaient moins d'1 mm de pluie en fin de matinée. On a préféré attendre et on a bien fait. Il en est tombé 14mm. Canyon qui était en crue dont le niveau est monté très vite alors qu'il était en scène ou dc- (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2024-07-26 | Silvan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Unfortunately, most of the jumps and slides are covered in gravel. The water level is currently high after the confluence. However, only the rappel after the confluence is problematic. (machine translated)

2024-06-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lirone Dans lirone tout va bien mais l'affluent ne double pas le débit, il le multiplie par 10 plutôt. Il reste 3 cascades après la confluence dont la première est la plus technique. Heureusement il y a de l'équipement où il faut, caché depuis le haut. Très gros drossage à son pied. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21000/observations.html)

2024-06-01 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Rain in the last few days. Torrente Lirone up to the confluence with Torrente Telo can be climbed without any