Valle del Chignolasc

Bignasco

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Vallemaggia **Town:** Cevio		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h48
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 3min
Altitude entry: 700m	**Altitude exit:** 450m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 85m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (5)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x90m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful granite canyon with spectacular final waterfall; several sharp edges; many slippery spots; some rusty belays, some exposed; adventurous mountain road.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Locarno drive into the Maggia valley until you reach the village of Bignasco. Shortly after entering the village, turn right over the first bridge (Maggia), then immediately right again and straight ahead to the parking lot in front of the open-air swimming pool. Here you park the shuttle car (450m). With the 2nd car you drive back, but not over the bridge but through the beautiful village with stone houses. Then you continue to follow the steep narrow mountain road (not suitable for novice drivers.) to the church "Madonna di Monte". Arrived at the old church, there are several parking facilities (730m).

Approach: (machine translated)
If you only have 1 car, you can also go up on foot via the hiking trail starting in the village in the direction of Madonna di Monte (approx. 1 hour). From the church (parking lot), follow the gravel road to the last house. Then look for a suitable place on the right to climb through the forest to the stream (700m).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Bignasco is a beautiful open canyon. Despite the 2 high abseiling points of 70m and 85m, the canyon is very varied with several jumps and slides. Removable rope traverses are required to safely reach several exposed stands. Some slippery spots and sharp edges at the abseiling points require attention and rope-protecting techniques. The pools are usually deeply washed out and invite you to jump. After the approx. 70m abseil, the canyon becomes more continuous. This is followed by several shorter abseils, slides and jumps until the final waterfall at 85m. Beautiful views and curious glances from onlookers at the waterfall are guaranteed!

Return: (machine translated)
Exit to the right after the final waterfall and you will soon reach the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 46.3358 8.6128
Parking at Entry 46.3364 8.6167
Canyon Start 46.3332 8.6189
Parking at Exit 46.3357 8.6108
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.3357 8.6127

Reports:

2025-08-17 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | ≈ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything ok ... just "a little" slippery (machine translated)

2025-07-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "mittel/gross" Verankerungen: "Alles bestens intakt " Ziemlich rutschig (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco)

2025-06-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "mittel" Verankerungen: "gut" Teilweise rutschig, hinkommen zum letzten Stand dadurch etwas erschwert. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco)

2025-05-30 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
Stands and fixed ropes all in order. We had a rope jam in the C28 and had to cut a few meters. We forgot a steel carabiner on the first rappel. Water temperature 13 degrees. (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Vor dem 70er ist im Kanal immer noch ein Seilfresser...Vorsicht beim schnellen Abziehen! (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco)

2025-05-29 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything is ok. Attention: Access to the C67 rope got stuck in a block of water when pulling it off. (machine translated)

2024-10-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "teilweise sehr alt und rostig (auch die Bolzen rostig)" Habe den Zugangshaken (C20) zum C67 neu gebohrt (INOX) - dieser ist jetzt weiter oben und etwas geschützt in einer Mulde. Ebenso einen neuen Kettenstand am letzten hohen Abseiler (C87) installiert. Die alte Kette hängt noch auf einem Haken und kann zum besseren erreichen des Standplatzes zum Festhalten mit der Hand verwendet werden... haben die Mutter nicht aufgeschraubt bekommen. (das nächste mal wird geflext!) (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco)

2024-08-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "Sehr niedrig" Verankerungen: "Schlecht" Maillons klingen hohl, sehr verrostet. Vor dem 70er Haken komplett krumm und lässt sich leicht bewegen. Sanierung wäre hier sinnvoll. Sonst sehr griffig! (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco)

2024-08-31 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≈ Low | 👍 Completed
Very little water and super grippy rock. Several stands need to be replaced. (machine translated)

2024-08-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Valle del Chignolasc / Bignasco, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "alle Stände ok" sehr griffig zu gehen (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1093-valle-del-chignolasc-bignasco)

2023-06-08 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ High | 👍 Completed
Getting to the last stand is not easy at this water level. But it was fun. (machine translated)

2023-06-08 | Wolfgang | |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≈ High | 👍 Completed
Today with rather much water walked; all stands so far OK, very slippery (machine translated)

2023-04-18 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Coordinates added. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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