Moleno (Inferiore)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Bellinzona **Town:** Bellinzona		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 4h32
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 2min
Altitude entry: 560m	**Altitude exit:** 270m	**Delta Altitude:** 290m
Canyon length: 1100m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:** 10-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (10)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (13)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Very worthwhile beautiful aquatic canyon; turquoise blue water; some jumps; several rappels in the water; in the lower part many downclimb over large granite boulders; very steep impassable access into the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Biasca take the main road towards Locarno --> after about 10 minutes you come to the village of Moleno --> on the mountain side there is a bridge that leads over the stream --> before the bridge turn right to the exit (280Hm) of Moleno --> parking on the left in front of the wall

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, go up the hiking trail (Penn-Val-Moleno) from the bend in the road --> after a short time you come to the bridge on the left where the water level is checked --> return to the hiking trail and follow it steeply up through the forest until you reach approx. 580Hm --> here there is a single boulder on the left side (if you see 2 houses you have already gone too far) --> behind the rock you have the possibility to descend into the canyon (there is no real path here) --> the stone slabs and rocks scattered along the ridge serve as a guide --> first descend straight until it gets too steep, then take the best path to the right until you reach a small inlet --> at the end of the inlet (slippery!) there is the possibility to rappel 25m from the tree into the already visible stream (if you cross even further above, you can also rappel into the stream without a rope through rough terrain) --> entry at 560Hm or 480Hm (tree).

Tour: (machine translated)
Once you have found the steep access to the Moleno, you can immediately see the crystal clear green/blue water --> the first places are downclimbed or slid --> after a short walking passages you come to the first abseiling points --> experienced canyoneers can also jump these points after checking the basin (stone in 2. The pools in the canyon are usually very deep, but should always be checked for jumps --> the highest abseiling points are in the upper part; 25m, 30m, 30m (the rope can easily get stuck here!).)--> after these rappel points there are many large rocks where you usually have to climb your way down --> shortly before the water drainage there is a high jump of 12m into a large pool (can also be rappelled) --> after the wall there are 2 short rappels and several rocks that are downclimbed to the last jump --> after the last jump you are left at the exit.

Return: (machine translated)
Get out of the stream on the left by the wall --> you will soon be at the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2668 8.9934
Waterlevel Checkpoint 46.2658 8.9924
Canyon Start 46.2636 8.9842
Canyon End 46.2663 8.9929
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2626 8.9890

Reports:

2025-08-16 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. Access difficult and somewhat exposed at the end. Great water colors, cool jumps. Lots of people at the end. (machine translated)

2025-08-11 | Urs K. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything is in order. (machine translated)

2025-08-04 | Roman | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything was OK. Anchoring sufficient. (machine translated)

2025-08-03 | Urs K. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
For us, everything was usually very slippery. We jumped most (not all) of the pools where possible, all of them were gravel-free. (machine translated)

2025-08-02 | Mario Zinßer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Were in there 2 weeks ago. Everything set up well. (machine translated)

2025-07-16 | Tobias Beiser | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very slippery. A few jumps are gravel. There is a large tree in the canyon at the start, but it can be easily bypassed (machine translated)

2025-06-14 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
All good. See photo for water level. (machine translated)

2024-10-06 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Val Moleno inferiore, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Griffig und kaltes wasser (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1112-val-molino-inferiore)

2024-09-15 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Val Moleno inferiore, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Im September leider kaum Sonne in der Schlucht. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1112-val-molino-inferiore)

2024-09-15 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
In contrast to 2013, there is now a clearly visible path with blue markings for entry. Unfortunately, there is hardly any sun in the canyon in September. (machine translated)

2024-08-27 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Val Moleno inferiore, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "gut (inox)" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1112-val-molino-inferiore)

2024-08-17 | Simone Steffke | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All stands ok. When descending into the canyon, first descend relatively steeply and from about 20 m above the river rather horizontally upstream until you come to fixed ropes. Then into the streambed. Rewarding! (machine translated)

2024-08-05 | Jan Grundheber | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
On access, leave the path at the two blue painted waves. Then it is relatively steep towards the stream. There is a superiore slide. If you attach the ropes, you can slide down it several times. All stands are in order. (machine translated)

2024-08-04 | Mitch | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Water level "low" on the reference picture "eldorado ticino". All stands in tact, good grip in the canyon (machine translated)

2024-08-01 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Val Moleno inferiore, Wasserstand: "Optimal" Verankerungen: "Alles i.o." Der Weg zum Einstieg ist einwenig verwachsen, jedoch gut zu finden. Die Installationen sind alle in einem guten Zustand. Wasserlevel war normal. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1112-val-molino-inferiore)

Parts:
Moleno (sup-sup) - Riale die Gariss, v4 a3 IV, ++
Moleno (Superiore), v4 a4 IV, +6h+
Moleno (Inferiore), v4 a4 III, 1h+3h30+2min