Esino (inferiore)

Orrido di Vezio

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Lombardia **Subregion:** Lecco **Town:** Esino Lario		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 III	**Total time:** 1h40
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 320m	**Altitude exit:** 220m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: 910m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 20.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (11)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (9)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful dark limestone; large catchment area but mostly little water; worthwhile short tour; several short rappels in the water course; possibly waste water from sewage treatment plant at the end (walking passages in river bed); well set up; can be well combined with Boazzo.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Lecco take the SS36 towards Sondrio. Then take the exit towards Varenna, Mandello, Lierna, Abbalia. Continue on the main road next to Lake Como. Just before the tunnel turn left towards Varenna. In the town of Varenna, look for a parking place near the bridge or at the train station (Esino inferiore), possibly with a fee (not easy in high season!). Alternatively, you can park between the tunnels on the SP72, where you can also get off directly at the sewage treatment plant.
Access parking:
For this, turn right just after the bridge (orographically on the right) and drive up the road towards Perledo. After a few hairpin bends, turn right towards "Vezio". Park on the right next to the company or directly in front of the driving ban at the large parking lot (camper / truck).

Approach: (machine translated)
After parking at the bridge (Esino inferiore) in the village of Varenna, go up the marked trail towards Vezio/Perledo on the orographic left side of the stream (about 100m before the bridge), at the "Hotel/Ristorante Monte Codeno". The path leads to a fork with a private dirt road, which you follow until you reach the asphalt road. Then follow this road descending to the left towards the stream. At the bridge, go (orographically on the left) a little further across the company grounds and climb there directly in the creek (approx. 320Hm), or rappel directly from the bridge 15m into the creek. (35 minutes)

If you went up by car, you go in the direction of the bridge. Before the bridge, follow the entrance of the restaurant "Crott del Pepott" to the viewpoint in the canyons. Right next to the railing, you will find the rappel hook. Alternatively, rappel 15m into the stream directly from the bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon begins less spectacularly at 320Hm before the dam steps between the highway bridge and the access bridge that leads over the Esino. Just at the access bridge there is a private path on both sides that leads to the restaurant and into the canyons. An old stone bridge over the canyon serves as a connection of the private paths (possible entry on the orographic right side via private path and railing to the 1st stand). Better to rappel directly from the bridge 15m into the stream. Under observation of the restaurant visitors, rappel down the first 2 steps. After that follows about 200m of flat walking terrain. After a small brick step it finally gets interesting.
Continuously smaller rappels, climbs and slides lead through the canyon, which is not deep but narrow and rich in vegetation. The canyon carries little water despite a large catchment area. However, if the water level is higher it can be quite unpleasant as most of the rappels are directly in the watercourse. The beautiful washouts and the dark limestone inspire every walker. After about 1.5h the canyon ends suddenly and you are standing in the open streambed. Here, unfortunately, you meet a foul-smelling sewage treatment plant that, if you are unlucky, still leads water into the stream.

Return: (machine translated)
From the sewage treatment plant, follow the course of the stream (with little contact with the water) to the 2nd bridge, where you reach the road (220m) via stone steps on the right. Alternatively, you can follow the stream to Lake Como (exit at approx. 200m).
Better and faster, however, shortly after the exit from the canyon and directly before the sewage treatment plant, turn right up the steep forest. Then follow a small path that takes you back up to the parking lot in about 15-20 minutes.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0106 9.2948
Parking Entry and Exit 46.0155 9.2863
Canyon End 46.0142 9.2884
Parking at Exit 46.0144 9.2879
Parking at Entry 46.0111 9.2940

Reports:

2025-10-11 | GoldenMat | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Good conditions, cold water in this period. Very slippery today. Decent anchors in the lower part.

2025-09-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Really short canyon, but beautiful closed in canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-08-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) After heavy rainfall, no descent+-400l/s (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-08-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Voir commentaires sur le parking à Esino sup (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-08-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Pas trouvé de sortie avant le lac, ambiance promenade des anglais en arrivant (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2025-06-20 | Alex Arnold | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Very nice. Parked at the top and then walked up. (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | Alex Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
All good. Lots of garbage . Short but nice pleasure (machine translated)

2024-09-17 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Nice canyon, low water, we parked at the top. Walked up after the canyon. Short but beautifull

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2024-08-14 | Norbert Fischeer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Nice canyon and better than expected. The information about the parking lot exit is not correct. This is a company and they don't want you to drive in there. We all drove up. There are plenty of parking spaces at the top. The best ascent is by the lake. It's easier to pick up the others there when the cars come back from the top. You just have to walk up. (machine translated)

2024-08-02 | Elke Osswald | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything OK. Free parking upstairs with parking disk for 3 hours. (machine translated)

2024-06-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Esino (inférieur) Ça pousse plutôt fort mais pas de gros soucis avec l'eau. L'équipement a survécu à une crue monumentale. Assez incroyable dans ces conditions. On a mis plus de deux heures à franchir l'encaissement final! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22126/observations.html)

2023-08-01 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Very underestimated and beautiful gorge (machine translated)

2023-08-01 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Chosen as an option for unstable weather. Visually great canyon with easy rappels. Pleasure canyoning. Restaurant at the entrance is closed and private trail not accessible. We rappelled from the bridge. Removed a total of 5 dead squirrels from the water on the way. Few jumps into very shallow water but with gravel bottom were possible. Hooks all in good shape. Exit directly at the sewage treatment plant orographically left across the construction yard area. Cell phone reception almost throughout. Description revised. (machine translated)

2023-05-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Der aktuelle Canyon wurde teilautomatisiert mit Canyon https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/EsinoCanyon.html zusammengeführt.

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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Parts:
Esino (superiore), v4 a4 III, 20min+4h+5min
Esino (inferiore), v2 a2 III, 5min+1h30+5min