

Cugnolo corto

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** Bezirk Lugano **Town:** Lugano

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a3 III

Total time: 5h45

Approachtime: 1h30

Tourtime: 4h

Returntime: 15min

Altitude entry: 1400m

Altitude exit: 1135m

Delta Altitude: 265m

Canyon length: 700m

Highest rapell: 25m

Amount rapells: 17

Transport: on Foot

Rock type: gneiss

Drainage area: 1.00km²

Season: January - December

Orientation: Southwest

Best Time: 9-17 o'clock

Rating: ★ 2.5 (1)

Info: ★ 1 (1)

Belay: ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary:

Adventure canyon beneath the slopes of Mount Gazzirola.

Hydrology:

Flow assessment: from the parking lot. Along the access trail, the sequence of central waterfalls can also be seen.

Access:

Just outside the village of Cozzo (Val Colla), it is possible to park in a small lot right next to the stream (46°05'48.15"N 09°03'50.07"E).

Approach:

From the parking lot, head towards the village along the paved road and locate, among the first houses on the right, the trail to Mount Gazzirola. The trail climbs steeply up to Alpe Cucchetto. After the last hut, at around 1280 m, spot on the right the trace of an old path that first ascends through the forest and then enters the valley (not to be confused with the trail that crosses the valley on flat ground through a meadow). After passing a hunting hide and a first stream, the trail ends at a viewpoint on sheer rocks above Cugnolo Corto. Before reaching the viewpoint, climb along animal tracks in the forest to reach the ridge. Following animal tracks, enter the valley with a gentle ascent until reaching the stream at 1400 m, at the confluence of Cugnolo Corto and Torrente Lavinelli (46°06'14"N 09°04'06.79"E). About 1 h 30 min for 400 m of elevation gain.

Tour:

01- C15 (1 dx)
02- C10 (1 sx)
03- C12 (nat sx)
04- C8 (nat sx)
05- C5 (nat sx)
06- C17 (1 dx)
07- C15 (1 dx)
08- C7 (nat sx)
09- C20 (1 dx + dev -5m nat sx)
10- C4 (nat dx)
11- C10 (nat dx)
12- C20 (1 sx)
13- C12 (nat dx)
14- C15 (nat dx)
15- C9 (nat dx)
16- C25 (1 sx)
17- C15 (2 dx)

Return:

Upon reaching the confluence at 1135 m, look for traces on the right bank that allow you to climb back to the access trail and return quickly to the cars. About 15 minutes, 50 m ascent and 160 m descent.

Coordinates:

Parking Entry and Exit [46.0967 9.0639](#)

Canyon Start [46.1039 9.0685](#)

Canyon End [46.1006 9.0633](#)

Reports:

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Opening of the creek (machine translated)

First descent: 16.06.2024 by Rospi GSV