

Turnigla

Val Turnigla

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Graubünden Subregion: Region Imboden Town: (Trin-)Mulin		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v4 a5 V	Total time: 4h45
Approachtime: 35min	Tourtime: 4h	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 1055m	Altitude exit: 800m	Delta Altitude: 255m
Canyon length: 600m	Highest rapell: 27m	Amount rapells: 28
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: 28.00km ²
Season: August - November	Orientation: South	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.8 (16)	Info: ★ 2.7 (9)	Belay: ★ 2.4 (12)
Specialities: Dam, § Regulated,		
Gear: Ropes: 2x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) The Turnigla has 2 highly different parts, because about in the middle of the total route there is a water drainage into a water reservoir. Thus, the upper part (highest rappel about 15m) has basically a relatively high water flow, wherein also lies its specific difficulty. At one point you have to leave the pool into which you are rappelling (10m) through a narrow chute, into which all the water fairly concentrated from a height of about 9m pours - even at "low water" already an unpleasant back massage. To avoid this, there is a handrail in the vertical wall (to the left), which has to be equipped with the necessary rope (2008). In the upper part some jumps are possible. After the water is drained (at about 960m above sea level), usually only a small amount of residual water remains in the streambed. Here, the ambience - blue-gray shale and blue-green coloring of the pools - is then the focus of enjoyment. However, over the lower part, which would actually be suitable for beginners, hangs like a sword of Damocles the danger of an unpredictable water supply. Once each in 2007 and 2008, the author was surprised by a water supply line, the second time due to defects in the electricity system at the Mulin small power station (left at the exit). Since both malfunctions could be repaired relatively quickly, we were exposed to the swelling water only for a relatively short time (10 - 20 min.) and apparently only to the extent that the water drainage from the Turnigla itself was no longer taking place, i.e. we did not have more water than in the upper part. This would put the danger in perspective. However, a verbal inquiry with employees at the Mulin small power plant on site revealed that the water reservoir is not only fed by the discharge from the Turnigla, but also by an additional spring directly from the interior of the mountain. Its flow is said to be up to 200 ltr/sec. The water discharge from the Turnigla is added with at least 70 ltr/sec (at "low water"). If this entire amount of water is supplied to the lower part - or if there is even a flushing - everyone may imagine the consequences for the gorge dwellers surprised by the flood. There are always areas where one can climb up to somewhat higher platforms, but there is no escape route in either the upper or the lower part - only the possibility to get out when the water is drained.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) On the Swiss A 13 from Lake Constance southward to Chur. Continue in the direction of San Bernardino. 7 km after Chur-West leave the A 13 in the direction of Flims. 5 km after leaving the A 13 we pass through a tunnel. Immediately after its western exit turn right in the direction of "Trin-Mulin". Above the tunnel we go back about 100m and then turn right to Mulin. Immediately after this turnoff we see on the left below an area where we can park the vehicle.		

Approach: (machine translated)

From the parking lot back across the road "Trin-Mulin" and beyond in the direction NNW up the forest road. We pass the turnoff to the water reservoir (entry lower part), later the mostly dry streambed of the Trimosa and finally reach the bridge over the Turnigla. A few meters above the bridge we climb from the orographic left bank.

Tour: (machine translated)

In the upper part powerful jet, from which one can usually keep out well (but see also above under "Characteristics"). Plenty of opportunity to jump.

If you want to risk the lower part, the ambience is impressive.

Since mid-2009, the operators of the electric plant with water tank require that their facilities may not be entered in any way. This also applies to an integral walk-through. Recently (Feb. 2010) one also hears about an allegedly imminent ban of a canyon walk below the water reservoir without any details being known so far (cf.:

<http://www.descente-canyon.com/forums/viewtopic.php?id=12092>).

In the meantime, the ban on access and exit in the village to the left is a reality.

Return: (machine translated)

On exit at the water tank: via steel pins and wire rope handrail onto the concrete footbridge (rappeling left past the water intake directly to the concrete footbridge is also possible), shimmy around the metal grating, over the external water tank and down along the field path to the ascent path. Return to the vehicle along this path.

On exit after the 2nd part: Exit left at the E-Werk, head south across the parking lot and then down the road in an easterly direction ("Trin") to the parked vehicle.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.8388 9.3410](#)

Canyon End [46.8335 9.3401](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.8321 9.3456](#)

Waypoint [46.8362 9.3404](#)

Reports:

2025-09-07 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Crazy |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla Toujours aussi beau Turnigla mais cette fois ci avec beaucoup d' eau . Attention le debit a la sortie est trompeur car les 2/3 sont absorbe par le barrage au dessus . Le vrai Debit 646 kw mulin. Plus d'infos vidéos me contacter par message Instagram : le guide du luxe (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2025-09-07 | Patrik |★★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Everything fairly easy to grip. In the lower part many pools have been gravelled, but some jumps are still possible. (machine translated)

2025-01-02 | Airmax |★★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Very good conditions. No ice in the canyon. Some jumps possible. (machine translated)

2024-12-14 | Patrik |★★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Currently very good conditions. No ice available. (machine translated)

2024-11-10 | System User | |📖|📌|

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Turnigla, Wasserstand: "Normal -" Verankerungen: "Ok" (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1049-turnigla>)

2024-11-10 | Bina |★★★★★|📖★|📌★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Board between 11 and 11.30 a.m., when the sun is at its best. (machine translated)

2024-11-04 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla Merveilleuse journée avec la golden team suisse de Thierry et les parisiens . Horaire parfait départ du parking 9h40 pour avoir le soleil dans le canyon. Entre 3.7 ou 3.9 pour la note il y a presque tout dans. Ce canyon. ça fait du bien un canyon après un Segnes difficile... Fait en étanche et cagoule 7 mm pas eu froid du tout. Même un peu chaud. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2024-11-03 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla Magnifique canyon, fait en intégralité (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2024-11-03 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla Sublime canyon : beau et ludique ! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2024-11-03 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla A midi Turni c'est le paradis !!! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2024-10-30 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2024-09-08 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Turnigla (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21997/observations.html>)

2024-09-08 | System User | |📖|📌|

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Turnigla, Wasserstand: "Schön" Verankerungen: "Ok" Es scheint wieder normal Wasser entnommen zu werden. Der Wasserentnahmestollen war beleuchtet? Wie immer wunderschön. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1049-turnigla>)

2024-09-08 | Bina |★★★★★|📖|📌★★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Walked the whole canyon. The water extraction seems to be back to normal at the socket (we found the light in the water extraction tunnel a bit strange). As always, a great canyon. (machine translated)

2024-08-26 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed