Rii

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino **Subregion:** **Town:** Gambarogno		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 3h30
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1170m	**Altitude exit:** 890m	**Delta Altitude:** 280m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 0.70km²
Season: March - October	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:** 10-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2 (1)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary:
Easy run in the forest, suitable for rainy periods.

Hydrology:
Flow assessment: from the road bridge over the stream or in Maccagno by observing the flow of the Giona River.

Access:
Lower access: from Maccagno, follow the signs to Indemini and the state border along the SP5. After the Italian customs, the road crosses the Frigera stream; immediately afterward there is a large parking area on the right (46°05'38.8"N 08°48'57.5"E).

Upper access: from the lower parking lot, head back towards Biegno. Just before entering the village, there are 2–3 parking spaces by a small valley on the right (46°05'08.2"N 08°49'00.8"E).

Approach:
With shuttle: from Biegno, take the mule track to Cangili di Biegno. At the hairpin bend at 1050 m, follow the trail heading north, gradually entering Val Frigera. After crossing the Frigera stream, climb over a ridge until you reach the western branch of the Rii stream. Descend briefly on the left bank until you find the first rappel (46°05'52.8"N 08°48'44.2"E). About 40 minutes for 280 m of elevation gain.

Without shuttle: from the lower parking area, walk down to Biegno along the paved road (1.3 km) and then follow the directions above.

Tour:
01- C40 (nat sx)
02- C15 (nat dx)
03- C15 (nat sx)
04- C20 (nat sx)
05- C25 (nat sx)
06- C20 (1 dx)
07- C20 (nat sx)

Return:
After the final vertical, exit to the left before the confluence with the Frigera stream. Pass in front of some abandoned mountain huts and move towards the Crosa stream until you reach the ridge of the spur. Climb the entire ridge up to the paved road. Continue towards Biegno to return to the cars in a short time. About 20 minutes for 70 m of elevation gain.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0981 8.8118
Canyon End 46.0944 8.8176
Parking at Entry 46.0857 8.8168
Parking at Exit 46.0941 8.8160

Reports:

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Opening of the canyon (machine translated)

First descent: 11.05.2025 by GSV