

Sponde

Riale delle Sponde,Riveo,Someo ,Ri delle Sponde

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Tessin / Cantone Ticino Subregion: Bezirk Vallemaggia Town: Maggia		
Difficulty: difficult Grading: v5 a3 IV Total time: 7h35		
Approach time: 1h30	Tour time: 6h	Return time: 5min
Altitude entry: 960m	Altitude exit: 380m	Delta Altitude: 580m
Canyon length: 1300m	Highest rappel: 60m	Amount rappels: 22
Transport: Car required	Rock type: gneiss	Drainage area: 5.33km ²
Season: May - October	Orientation: South	Best Time: 9-12 o'clock
Rating: ★ 4.4 (10)	Info: ★ 2.4 (7)	Belay: ★ 2.1 (8)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x110m + 3x70m		
Summary: (machine translated) Beautiful, long canyon with steps up to 110m and high technical rappels up to 60m; several intermediate belays; communication not easy; some emergency exits; long access; only with small groups; some slippery passages; check belays!!!		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Locarno you drive into the beautiful Maggia Valley --> on the main road you drive through several small villages (attention radar controls!), until you come to the village of Someo. In the village of Someo you have 2 parking possibilities, whereby the one in the center of the village near the fountain and a bridge (where the hiking trail leaves) is the best. Before the tour you should check the water level and park the shuttle car at the exit. To do this, drive about 2-3km after a long bend to the left, there is a large parking area to the right. If you do not have a 2nd car, you walk about 20-25min to the fountain / hiking trail in Someo.		
Approach: (machine translated) On the side of the fountain there is a path with the signs "Lualt, Madonna di Monte, Bignasco" and Sentiero di montagna. The trail continues left up the mountain, passing several small streams, chapels and houses. For the tour and the long access (mostly wooded) you should take enough to drink! At a fork in the road (at a considerable height) turn left. After some time you will come across a ruin and then a beautiful stone cottage on an open area. The trail continues to the left and passes other ruins. After an open space you can already see one of the high waterfalls. From here you continue to a stone house at about 990 meters above sea level, surrounded by beech trees. There, on the left side, a steep path leads down to the stream/bridge at about 890Hm. Even further up (from the stone house), at the large bridge that leads over the stream, getting on does not necessarily pay off (only some entertaining slides).		
Tour: (machine translated) This canyoning tour is only for absolute canyoning professionals who like high technical rappels. The slides and jumps at the beginning of the tour are very entertaining, although not always easy to assess. Some blockages and steps can be bypassed via the slope. Not too much time should be wasted on the small steps anyway, as the high rappels are very technical and time consuming. Communication at the intermediate levels is not always easy due to the rappelling height and the rushing of the water. Also, the pitons/eyes should be checked before hooking up (some were loose/defective on our ascent!). There are some emergency exits (see topographic view in the book Eldorado Ticino), which mostly lead over steep terrain. Overall, for the long access, the tour offers some entertaining slides/jumps and lots of high rappels with nice views. The beginning and final part can be skipped / bypassed depending on your mood.		

Return: (machine translated)

From the last big pool you get to the road/parking lot on the right in a short time at about 350Hm.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.3018 8.6428](#)

Canyon End [46.2949 8.6397](#)

Parking at Entry [46.2878 8.6627](#)

Parking at Exit [46.2938 8.6405](#)

Waterlevel Checkpoint [46.2950 8.6398](#)

Reports:

2025-09-11 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | ⚫ High | 🌟 Completed

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2025-09-02 | stijn van de Ven | ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | 📄 ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚓ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚫ High | 🌟 Completed

Beautiful with this water level

2025-09-02 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | ⚫ High | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sponde GD ce jour, mais pas de soucis majeurs, toujours aussi beau. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2679/observations.html>)

2025-09-02 | stijn van de Ven | ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | 📄 ⚡ | ⚓ ⚡ | ⚫ High | 🌟 Completed

It was really beautiful with a bit more water in the canyon

2025-08-14 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | ⚫ Normal | 🌟 Completed

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2025-08-07 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | ⚫ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sponde Marche d'approche Suisse. Magnifique canyon qui associe des toboggans et sauts ludiques avec des gros frottements et des fractionnements sans visibilité et avec communication difficile. Je recommande les talkies walkies. Les hauteurs des points et leurs placements sur le topo El Dorado Ticino sont assez approximatif. Ça passe avec deux fois 75m. Prévoir 2x 80 pour être large et pouvoir débrayer du bas. On a remplacé des cordelettes de liaisons de points et resserrés quelques plaquettes. L'équipement est très bon dans l'ensemble. Superbe canyon de fin de trip du Tessin. Garé à Someo dans le lit du ruisseau, retour à pied par la route. Canyon parcouru en 6h + 1h45 d'approche, en prenant le temps. On reviendra faire Froda intégrale un jour. :) (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2679/observations.html>)

2025-08-01 | Roman | ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | 📄 | ⚓ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚫ Low | 🌟 Completed

Anchoring all available, sometimes relatively little. Very slippery, especially the long rappels. We did the long rappels all in one piece. Pulling off was surprisingly no problem (machine translated)

2025-06-15 | Peter Lampacher | ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | 📄 ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚓ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚫ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Everything ok, incl. intermediate results (machine translated)

2025-05-30 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | ⚫ Normal | 🌟 Completed

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2025-05-30 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Ri delle Sponde, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Einige Stände sind mittlerweile in die Jahre gekommen. Alle Zwischenstände scheinen ok zu sein. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1094-ri-delle-sponde>)

2025-05-30 | Bina | ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | 📄 | ⚓ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚫ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Rappels to the 1st 100m, using both belays, rope barely pullable. Otherwise, as always, a great tour. Went straight up all the high rappels, intermediate stands looked ok. (machine translated)

2024-10-22 | System User | | 📄 | ⚓ | ⚫ Crazy | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sponde Départ depuis le pont du haut. Sympathique. Dans la première grande grande verticale, trop d'eau pour traverser l'actif : nous avons chercher un arbre RD. Descendu sans prendre relais intermédiaire. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2679/observations.html>)

2024-10-04 | Jackcachpot | ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ | 📄 ⚡ ⚡ | ⚓ ⚡ ⚡ | ⚫ Low | 🌟 Completed

All rappels done in the long version, intermediate stands partly present. Slightly slippery in places, otherwise perfect water level. (machine translated)