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**22:00 – 08.00 Canyoning VIETATO - VERBODEN - INTERDIT - FORBIDDEN**



Canyons in which SES infrastructures are located:

1. **Valle del Salto** (Vallemaggia) downstream from the Salto intake of Maggia, to the confluence with the Maggia river;
2. **Giumaglio** (Vallemaggia) downstream from the Vasasca dam in Giumaglio, to the confluence with the Maggia river;
3. **Tomeo** (Vallemaggia) downstream from lake Tomè in Val Lavizzara, to the confluence with the Maggia river;
4. **Ticinetto** (Val Leventina) downstream from the Chironico dam in Chironico, to the confluence with the Ticino river.

For further information, please visit [www.swisscanyon.ch](http://www.swisscanyon.ch).

### **IMPORTANT**

Prior to canyoning in the locations mentioned above, it is mandatory to contact our central control office at **091 756 93 01**. At the end of the day the responsible party must call SES to confirm that the excursion has been completed and all participants are out of the water.

**Activities on the reservoirs and in the riverbeds downstream of the SES plants**

The hydroelectric plants have considerably changed the flow regimes of the rivers downstream.

**In these riverbeds you have to be very careful.**

Possible reasons for strong and sudden flash floods:

- **even in periods of good weather**, when a river intake is being closed (by remote control, obstruction, technical breakdown), the water normally diverted through tunnels, will overtop and return to the natural riverbed. A full lake overtops when its power plant is shut down;
- **in case of rainfall**, the rivers can quickly flood for natural reasons or for flushing operations of the reservoirs and river intakes. Also, after dry periods, sediments and debris can obstruct the river and form natural dams that, collapsing suddenly, may create a flood wave;
- **after rainfall stops**, the river intakes obstructed with sand and the basins must be flushed by gradually opening the scour gates, releasing water mixed with sediments into the riverbed.

**This can considerably increase the flow within a few minutes!**

**These events are often unforeseeable!**

The Società Elettrica Sopracenerina SA (SES):

1. prohibit within the limits of the law and strongly dissuade any activity in the reservoirs and along the riverbeds downstream of intakes, dams and power plants due to the risk of sudden and unpredictable increases of the river flows;
2. is not obliged to limit the production of their own plants in order to favour the practice of activities on the reservoirs and in the riverbeds. SES has no obligation to forewarn and decline all responsibility for accidents that could occur;
3. the information released by our personnel in regard of flushing, overtopping or any other operation, have the purpose of advising of the increased dangers. They are indicative only, are not binding and do not authorise anybody to venture onto the reservoirs and into in the riverbeds.

**Persons venturing into the lakes and riverbeds do this at their own risk, have to be conscious of the dangers and have to assume the complete responsibility.**