Torrente Viellia

Val Viellia,Vielia

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Tramonti		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v4 a5 IV	**Total time:** 8h
Approachtime: 1h40	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 950m	**Altitude exit:** 490m	**Delta Altitude:** 460m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: July - October	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.6 (13)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (9)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (12)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
Long, watery canyon with uniquely beautiful passages but also longer walking passages in blocky terrain. Remote, long access and quite wild protection. Probably the biggest tour in Friuli. Many jumps and large pools. Sections separated by walking terrain. According to the map Viellia, but most descriptions call the canyon Vielia.
Description of part 2,3,4

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the Carnia/Tolmezzo freeway exit, follow the SS 52 towards Forni di Sopra/Mauria Pass. After Mediis, immediately after the bridge over the T. Lumiei turn left towards Tramonti. Follow the road, full of bends and motorcyclists, first into the Tagliamento Valley and then over Passo Rest. After many hairpin bends the road crosses Torrente Viellia. Here you may have to park (danger of burglary). It is better to continue towards Tramonti. After passing the houses of Maleon, there is a large parking lot on the right at the beginning of trail 377.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow Trail 377 for the first 300hm up to the Forcella del Rovin; this is followed by a long traverse into the Val Viellia. At the sign for “Statione le Velleai,” you can start the hike here if you only plan to hike Section 4.\nContinue along the path until it meets the stream again (a roughly 13-meter-high waterfall into a circular pool called the “Hypnotic Pool”). This is where the second section begins. It’s even better to hike another 250 meters upstream, as there are a few more beautiful jumps hidden there. The hiking trip up to this point takes 1.5–2 hours. If you also want to hike the uppermost section, follow the path for another 1 hour and 300 hm until you reach the flat gravel bed near Casera Chiampis. Alternative access from the pass road: near KM path IV/17, there’s a small parking area; on the other side of the road, a path begins between rockfall nets. Follow this path (clearly marked, with cairns) to a small saddle, then continue descending to the ruins of Stalle Velleai. The path is mostly easy to see; orientation issues arise only in areas with wind-felled trees, but if you keep slightly to the right during the descent, you should be able to find the path again and again. Near the Velleai Stables, briefly leave the path and head left past the only house still standing until a path reemerges that leads down to the Vielia. On the other bank, ascend about 40 meters on an easy path to the hiking path. Then head uphill along the streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
Part 2: After a series of jumps up to 8 meters, you'll find yourself facing the impressive 13-meter jump into the "Hypnotic Pool"; you'll then rappel down the 4-meter rock ledge using an anchor on the left rock face (slippery traverse). After a pleasant swim, there is a 15-meter rappel under a rock arch (anchor on the right). Then, move to the right to rappel the final 5 meters out of the water jet. When the canyon opens up again, you'll find yourself facing a 20-meter waterfall—there's an anchor to the right of the small pool (downclimb to the right). After a short swim, there's a roughly 15-minute walk and climb down. Part 3: The water flows partly underground here; the flow is less than in the upper section. After a 5-meter jump, the first 14-meter rappel point follows (tree on the right). Then comes a 6-meter jump and a steep 8-meter slide (or jump from the right) before you find yourself facing a 25-meter anchor in a narrow corridor (magnificent play of light; the "Olympic Pool" awaits beyond). Anchor is on the right. Either jump into the Olympic Pool or rappel to the left using the hourglass-shaped formation. After the pool, a strong and cold karst spring flows in from the right, roughly tripling the water level. After some climbing and jumping, you'll find yourself facing another walking passage (10 min); you can exit to the right at a boulder marked with numbers. Part 4: This part begins with a 7-meter jump into a large pool, followed by a 2-meter jump into a receding pool (by now, at the latest, you'll notice the increased water volume) and a fun 8-meter slide. After a few jumps, you'll come to a Z-shaped 8-meter waterfall; the anchor is on the left, and crossing the current is not easy. The anchor for the next 15-meter rappel is on the left and set very high: spread your legs to climb up, straddle a very narrow rock channel, and then carefully rappel down a massive ramp (can be slid down after checking it out). This is followed by many steps up to a height of 10 meters; some must be jumped, while others must be climbed down within the river channel. Some ledges are equipped with abseil hooks. Two siphons can be bypassed on the right side (each requiring a traverse across grassy slopes to tree abseil points; it's also reportedly possible to go through the riverbed). After a long swimming section through a narrow gorge, a stream with a beautiful waterfall joins from the left; at the landslide immediately following it, climb up a short ramp on the left and rappel 24 meters from a tree using a rope sling (sharp edges). The idyllic walking passage that follows leads through an area with many springs—adding quite a bit of cold water to the mix. Here, it's possible to leave the stream to the left and head toward the road running about 80 hm above. In the final gorge, there are still a few powerful waterfalls; a sloping 2.5-meter ramp is secured with an anchor on the right (scouring in the downstream section). Immediately after the bridge, ascend steeply to the road on the right.

Return: (machine translated)
If the cars are at the parking entry follow the road back for about 15min.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3313 12.7423
Parking Entry and Exit 46.3217 12.7954
Parking Entry and Exit 46.3431 12.7926
Canyon End 46.3317 12.8018
Alternative Canyon Start 46.3357 12.7614
Parking at Exit 46.3303 12.8031

Reports:

2026-08-27 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
It's wonderful to be back at Vielia! We climbed routes 2 through 4 and, including access, it took us 6 hours. All belay stations were in good condition. The water level is very low despite last week's rain. The food at Da Febo was fantastic again! Highly recommended! (machine translated)

2026-08-11 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Viellia Fait parties 2&3 et pas la partie 4 car l'orage approchait.Du coup longue marche d'approche par rapport au temps de canyon effectif et avec en plus la marche pénible dans les blocs sans eau entre les deux parties.Sinon nombreux sauts dans une eau très belle et translucide, encaissement final de la partie 3 très beau et belle ambiance de montagne! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22063/observations.html)

2026-08-02 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Viellia Fatto il IV. Tutto ok, portata più bassa rispetto alla norma, cmq flusso discreto. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22063/observations.html)

2026-08-01 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Viellia Percorso 2 e 3Acqua fredda fredda solo al finale del 3 dopo immissione riva dx. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22063/observations.html)

2026-08-01 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
The approach trail to the start of Section 2 is well-maintained and clearly marked. Low flow in sections 2 and 3, while from the confluence onward (from the end of section 3) the flow became abundant but did not pose any major problems. At the end of the canyon, given the many tributaries, the flow rate was around 100 l/s. The first pool in the fourth section has become gravel-filled again, so carefully consider whether to dive in. There are some belay stations with mixed anchors, such as multi-point anchors from many years ago combined with new chains. In section 4, there are exit routes, including one on the right bank. (machine translated)

2026-07-25 | Filip | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
A beautiful canyon with a good mix of open and narrow sections, featuring crystal-clear, cold water throughout. The canyon is quite slippery, and most of the rappels are equipped with only a single bolt, although all the anchors we used were in excellent condition. We only completed Sections 2–4 because the upper part of Section 1 was completely dry, so we decided to enter the canyon before the start of Section 2 (Rappel 23). We don't know whether the water sinks somewhere in Section 1 or if there was simply no flow at all. The approach trail is excellent and easy to follow. We parked our car about 1 km away in the neighbouring village because of numerous online reports of cars being broken into in this area, including several comments specifically mentioning this canyon. Sections 2 and 3 are absolutely beautiful and well worth the visit. Section 4 is narrower, more enclosed, and considerably more slippery, but it is still very enjoyable. The canyon took us about 6 hours to complete (excluding the approach). Our team consisted of six experienced canyoners, four of whom were guides. Everyone carried a rope, so we were able to link pitches together and continue efficiently from one rappel to the next. The only downside is that there are quite a few long sections where you have to walk through the water. After a while, this can become quite tiring, especially over the course of a longer day in the canyon.

2025-08-26 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Viellia Descendido tramo 2 y 3(muy bonitos y lúdicos)Buenos saltos.Demasiada aproximación y retorno para lo que duran los 2 tramos en el agua. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22063/observations.html)

2025-08-25 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Viellia Nous n'avons parcouru que les 3 parties avales (2,3,4). Bien équipées. Quelques sections de marche un peu longues, mais des parties de toute beauté avec des sauts, des toboggans, des rappels qui poussent gentiment, des couleurs hallucinantes : du bonheur ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22063/observations.html)

2025-08-16 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Partly only 1 bolt at the stands - but these are good Beautiful single pitches, but a lot of boulder terrain in

First descent: 01.07.2004 by Gruppo Speleologico Carnico, Kristian Muser & C.