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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Patoc		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 IV	**Total time:** 5h50
Approachtime: 1h20	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1200m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 560m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: April - June	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.2 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x80
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon in wild deserted area

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
In Chiusaforte turn into the Raccolana valley. After 2.5km a road branches off to the village of Patoc. Follow the narrow switchbacks up to the exit of the road and park at the church.

Approach: (machine translated)
At the parking lot, the marked path 620 begins, which initially leads through the streets of the village, then along a forest road to a spring before climbing steeply in the forest. On the right, you can see the gulch of Rio Sbrici before the path turns less steeply to the left towards the west. After a long traverse you reach the two headwaters of the Rio Bianco. Currently, only the right (eastern) branch is drilled.

Tour: (machine translated)
17 abseil stands, some very exposed, especially at the two high waterfalls. Pulling off the rope can be a problem here. Although the highest ropes can be overcome with a 60m rope, it is advisable to have at least one longer rope with you to make it easier to pull off.

Sequence:
* C 22m: Tree with sling on the left
* C 40m: anchor on the right
* Left branch of the gorge leads in
* D 5m
* C 38m: Tree with sling right
* D 5m
-125m high waterfall over three belays
* C 10m: tree with sling on the left, the stream must be crossed to reach the chain on the right side 2m below the edge.
* C 60m: chain on the right (space for max. 2 people)
* C 60m: 2 anchors on a small ledge on the right, space for max. 4 people
* C 35m from tree or left wide bypass through a scree gully
* Downclimb to the right until you reach Seitenbach. Very laborious emergency exit possible to the right (initially on game tracks or pathless, until you reach an old path that is only marked in OSM). Walk 50m until the canyon narrows
* C 8m: anchor with sling on the right
* D 5m
* C 15m: anchor with sling on top right
* D 5m (smooth slide, downclimb not easy)
* Walk 50m
* D 3m
* canyon briefly open, walk 50m
* C 18m: tree with sling on the left
* C 20m: anchor left or rappel around stone (middle) over several pools
-70m waterfall in two stands
* C 25m: Anchor left, space for 4 people
* C 45m: anchor on tiny ledge on the left, directly above the large waterfall, space for max. 2 people
* 100m walk and downclimb, escape option on good but exposed path on the left
* C 33m: tree with sling on the left
* D 8m: slide under clamping block
* D 15m: anchor left
* D 10m: anchor right
* Walk 200m to Rio Patoc

Return: (machine translated)
At the canyon exit, follow the crossing path up towards Patoc.
Alternatively, you can also follow the Rio Patoc. A short gorge with small slides and possible jumps begins directly below the bridge, then walk for 10 minutes until you reach the bridge for the actual Patoc entry.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4179 13.3435
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4059 13.3524
Canyon End 46.4131 13.3346

Reports:

2026-10-10 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Complete descent of the Rio Bianco and Rio Patoc. Total time, including access, was 7 hours. The Bianco was completely dry at the entry. A small trickle appeared as we descended. We added the missing carabiners and replaced a few rope slings. It’s now well-equipped for the next ascent. Otherwise, it’s a beautiful rappelling canyon with no walking passages, requiring well-coordinated rope techniques for the long rappels and intermediate belay stations. For the 60-meter rappels in the 125-meter part, ropes of at least 70 meters are definitely recommended. (machine translated)

2025-03-31 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Did the canyon yesterday all anchors are good, some maillon missing. Left a sling and maillon above the 120m waterfall. Next team should bring some rope and 5 maillons with them. Could have some more water, but defiantly a beauty

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2024-10-05 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Walked the canyon today. There's generally a lot of water in the whole area at the moment. But the Bianco is not a problem at all. On the contrary, when there is a lot of water, the Rio Bianco is just right. The next visitors should take rapid limbs and sling material with them. There are many slings without rapid links and some of them need to be replaced. (machine translated)

2024-04-06 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Went up the Rio Bianco today. Drilled some new rings and replaced old slings. It was very nice, the canyon should be climbed after long periods of rain because otherwise it is dry. (machine translated)

2023-04-11 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Coordinates and description edited. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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