Rio Simon (Superiore)

Rio Simon sup.,Rio Simon

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Roveredo		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 6h30
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 1h30
Altitude entry: 950m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.1 (10)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 1.9 (9)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30

Summary: (machine translated)
The upper part of the Rio Simon is also highly recommended. Of course, the lower part - Rio Simon inferiore - is one of the highlights of Friuli, but the upper part is also highly recommended.
There are some really beautiful spots in the upper section, but compared to the lower section, it is somewhat more discontinuous.
In terms of fitness, however, the Rio Simon should not be underestimated - especially if you want to do the lower section! That's why the upper part is also much less frequently climbed - accordingly, the protection is not like in the lower part (Pro Canyon standard with SOS badges), but often only single bolts or rings.
The upper part is much more open than the lower part and therefore you are also very exposed to the sun. This means that it is definitely advisable to top up your water supplies at the small refuge (Stavolo Fondariis).
More recently a few anchors were added closer to the water or to improve safety. Still a few singles in there on not always ideal rock.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Carnia take the SS13 (main road) in the direction of Tarvisio. About 3km after the village of Resiutta there is a small tunnel and a bridge over the Fella river. After the bridge turn left towards Roveredo. After a short time there is a bigger road bridge where you can see a big flat streambed. Here is the exit if you want to go through the whole Rio Simon. It is best to leave most of the cars here because there are fewer parking spaces above and otherwise the locals will be disturbed. (N46.398500/E013.263400)
With as few shuttle cars as possible, follow the road to the small village of Roveredo. In the last few years an access has been established and for this it is best to park at the small church of Roveredo. But ATTENTION! The Rio Simon is one of the most frequented canyons in Friuli and we do not want to disturb the inhabitants.
Therefore, please always ask and, if necessary, if there are already too many cars at the site, use one of the parking lots that you passed before on the approach to the village of Roveredo. (N46.387213/E013.252620) or nearby if it is too busy. Please be considerate of the inhabitants so that we can continue to visit this canyon for a long time without problems.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot near the church, walk uphill on the opposite side of the asphalt road and you will immediately reach the small cemetery of Roveredo. Here, to the right of the cemetery, a clearly visible path leads into the woods. Follow this path until you reach a small meadow with a house. Pass the house on the right, up the meadow and above the house in the forest you should see the path again. Follow the path steeply uphill until you reach the hiking trail 424 after about 20 - 25 min. Follow the trail. At about 760Hm (after about 1h) you will come to a small stream, here you should turn right to get to the inferiore part of Rio Simon (this part is the most frequented and is known to most people as Rio Simon, because the upper part is rarely frequented).
For the upper part, always stay on path 424. After about 2 hours, at about 900 m, you will reach a small refuge (Stavolo Fondariis). Go past the house in the direction of the woods and you will come to a spring of fresh water. It is advisable, especially on hot days, to fill up your drinking water supply here, if you don't want to drink the water of the Rio Simon.
After another 20min the path 424 leads directly through a small tributary into the Rio Simon here is the entry (N46.429797/E013.256769).

Tour: (machine translated)
Directly at path 424, which leads through the tributary, there is a single ring on the right with the first 5m step. After that you are already in the Rio Simon. You can either bypass the next step on the right in the forest or you can rope on the ortographic left or right thanks to new anchors.
After a short walking passages and a rappel, there is a tributary to the left and the first narrow section immediately follows, which begins with a hanging stand on a clamping block. After a further walking passage you come to the 2nd narrow section, which is tackled ortographic left by a ring that we have attached (an old belaystation is located ortographic right for emergencies).
After another longer walking passage, there is a small jump and a chute where a rope traverse should be set up (or. left double piton). This leads to a chain anchor and the highest rappel in the Rio Simon sup. a 23m waterfall in a beautiful setting because ortographic right above the waterfall a spring flows into the Rio Simon.
This is followed by a relatively long walk and downclimb until you reach a double cascade. We equipped this with rings, but it could also be downclimbed ortographic right. We definitely recommend taking the double cascade with you. The first pool can also be jumped from the ortographic left after checking. The 2nd waterfall in the cascade can be rappelled from a new ring ortographic right (R18 right).
This is followed by another walk and downclimb before you come to the last rappel in Simon, which can also possibly be jumped. After another long walk and downclimb, you come to the entry of Rio Simon Inf. - the most frequently climbed part of Rio Simon.

Return: (machine translated)
There are 2 possibilities. If you have problems with your condition or time, you can descend via the access of the Rio Simon inferiore or ortographic right. You walk about 1h - 1,5h back to the parking lot at the church in Roveredo.
If you want to do the lower part of the Rio Simon, then you should calculate at least another 3.5 hours. Of course, depending on the group and group size! Here you come out at the lower parking lot of the Rio Simon at the bridge and picnic area. Tour description see Rio Simon inferiore.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4280 13.2574
Parking at Exit 46.3985 13.2634
Parking at Entry 46.3973 13.2526
Canyon End 46.4149 13.2611

Reports:

2026-08-09 | Andi Schober | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
A nice route combined with "Simon Integrale." It's more challenging and less well-protected than the lower section. Overall, though, it's a nice route and easy to climb. (machine translated)

2026-05-05 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything ok, lots of walking, niks specials inside only 1 beautiful waterfall (machine translated)

2026-05-02 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Already a few years ago i added anchors to bring the lines closer to the water. First one is on the right bank where the other is left and far away (however, watch out with the boulder in the bottom not to get your rope stuck). This year we added 2 anchors right bank on top of the S-waterfall with fantastic view below a tributary = the original anchor with optional redirect left bank may now be used as handline. Doubled another anchor lower down where the rock does not sound too good = this one should be triangulized. The third abseil (single anchor with ring left bank) should be relocated all in all because of the poor rock quality. One solution here could be to feed a rope through the solid boulder (abalakov), which also brings the line into the flow. Cold but beautiful and a complete, fun day in Simon.

2026-05-02 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Added arms in the rappel where a tributary enters from the right bank and creates a spectacular drip (about halfway up the upper Simon). On the third rappel, the single limb on the left bank is installed on a slab that "sounds" bad (not good rock as well at the same height on the other bank). It would be worth trying on the right bank, but 7-8 meters higher, to install a new belay on better rock. The two puddles (both with rappels about 18 meters) toward the end are avoidable on the right bank with a walk. They are diveable from different heights from both banks. Along the section walked from these two rappels to the beginning of the lower Simon. The upper Simon has nicer rappels than the lower part, but the latter is far more playful. Photo 1: third rappel Photo 2: the most beautiful rappel of the upper Simon Photo 3: new belay on the right bank (machine translated)

2025-06-17 | Tjaz | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All anchors good. Only on big one would be nice to make a new one in near future. Otherwise, long approach, some nice sections and a lot of walking. The 25 m waterfall is really cool!

2025-04-12 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
all stands ok (machine translated)

2024-07-26 | Moosi | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything ok (machine translated)

2023-06-03 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Upper rappel is the drill hook already relatively loose. Unfortunately, I had no drill with. I.e. the top rappel should be renewed times. Otherwise, everything tip top. Were in 6:15 car-car through with pause superiore+inferiore. (machine translated)

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

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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2022-09-27 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
It could be set up better, but it was a cool tour before the Inferiore. (machine translated)

Parts:
Rio Simon (Superiore), v3 a3 III, 2h30+2h30+1h30
Rio Simon (Inferiore), v4 a4 V, 1h30+4h30+10min