Rio Siera Di Sappada

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Udine Town: Sappada		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 III	Total time: 3h45
Approachtime: 55min	Tourtime: 2h30	Returntime: 20min
Altitude entry: 1550m	Altitude exit: 1200m	Delta Altitude: 350m
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 25m	Amount rapells:
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: 🚖 2.7 (3)	Info: 🛧 2 (2)	Belay: 🛧 1 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)

Open and incised canyons alternate. There is usually a lack of water, so this tour is more worthwhile after heavy rainfall. Caution: slippery!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

On the SR355 to Sappada. On the west side of the bridge over the Rio del Mulino (right bank), a road branches off down to the Piave. At the T-junction, turn right for another 150m to a reasonable parking lot next to the Piave river.

Approach: (machine translated)

At the parking lot, cross the Piave bridge and follow trail 316 up through the forest. Later, the path runs along the rock face to a junction. Follow the right-hand path down to the stream (317). Entry at the small wooden bridge.

Tour: (machine translated)

The initially open canyon cuts in more and more and increasingly becomes a real canyon. If you can't find the belay in the lower third (where the gorge is darkest), look far to the right to spot the lone anchor.

Return: (machine translated)

Either follow the streambed directly back to the parking lot or take the yellow-marked path down to the orographic left (crosses to the orographic right about 2 minutes before the parking lot - here are the water level pictures from the descriptions).

Coordinates: Canyon Start <u>46.5486 12.6947</u> Parking Entry and Exit <u>46.5615 12.6879</u> Canyon End <u>46.5557 12.6952</u>

Reports:

2025-05-29 | Clarissa Linder | $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow |\square \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow | \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} \star | \stackrel{\simeq}{\bullet} Normal | \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet} Completed$ Beautiful canyon, very slippery! Anchorages really in bad condition. Many rapid links are missing. But we wereable to walk the canyon without drilling. Water level after 3 days of light rain (4-8mm) was fun/dangerous.(machine translated)

2024-06-04 | Montie | $\bigstar \Leftrightarrow \bigstar \Leftrightarrow \bigstar$ | $\square \bigstar \bigstar$ | $\clubsuit \bigstar$ | $\oiint \bigstar$ High | \bigstar Completed

The description of the canyon makes you think that you should go in during high water levels, which I do not agree with. I suppose the description was written in the fall or in a dry summer, because on june 4th (and 3 days after a lot of rain) the water level during our descent (see pictures and video) would be what I would consider the maximum level with the current anchor situation. The anchor situation is currently bad - very bad! We had to place nuts and pitons on some rappels (unfortunately only brought a hand drill, did not want to spend too much time drilling). Next person to descend this canyon: please take a drill and a good amount of bolts :) The anchors are currently placed so that you have to take the most intense route straight through the water, which at higher water levels is uncomfortable or dangerous. This can easily be avoided with better anchor placement. Check the water level before you go (follow the path parallel to the Rio Siera the reach the point of the picture).