Rio Palis e Faus

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Udine **Town:** Saps / Isaps		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 II	**Total time:** 1h45
Approachtime: 25min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 800m	**Altitude exit:** 660m	**Delta Altitude:** 140m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 9-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
A very short but nice tour in a historic setting—old tunnels, bunker complexes, and similar sites nearby

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
In Pontebba, take the SP112 and follow it to the village of Saps / Isaps. Drive up there and park in the obvious (only) parking lot.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, start on the trail past the fountain. At the first leftward haipin bend, turn right and head diagonally uphill along the slope (faint vehicle tracks) until you see a distinct trail in the forest. Follow this trail along the slope into the valley. Ignore the turnoff to the left—from there, descend downhill to the stream.
Approx. 25 min

Tour: (machine translated)
Right at the start is the most attractive rappel: 40 meters through a very beautiful rock arch. Caution: when water levels are high, this rappel is definitely dangerous—but if it’s doable, the rest of the canyon is manageable too. The belay station is on the right—it leads directly through a water jet!
Once you reach the bottom, you’ll find the belay station for the small 4-meter step on the left—it may be possible to climb down through the watercourse. Below that is a nice, small pool. There are two more short rappels on the left side, up to 6 meters, and from there on, it’s just hopping over boulders to the exit. The boulder section is surprisingly beautiful and features some very striking rock formations, nice pools, and hints of “forest/jungle” passages.
About 1 hour

A brief history of this canyon: While setting up the route, one of the two people had an accident—breaking both ankles right at the first waterfall. The cell phone had reception issues, so we couldn’t make an emergency call. We therefore had to finish bolting the canyon, and the author had to carry the injured person out on his back for 4 hours, assisting with rappelling and belaying.

Return: (machine translated)
From the exit (very obvious—right where the road crosses), follow the road to the left until you reach the turnoff into the village. Follow the switchbacks up to the car. Alternatively, this can also be done with two cars!
About 20 minutes (with two cars, there’s no need to backtrack—you can park right at the exit!)

Coordinates:
Parking at Entry 46.4919 13.1985
Parking at Exit 46.4926 13.2010

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First ascent, anchors from the first ascent—minimalist but new; please be sure to evaluate them critically for yourself! (machine translated)

First descent: 27.06.2026 by Andreas Gremmel Ines Nistl