Rio Rondolon

Rondolon

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Dogna		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 5h25
Approachtime: 2h5	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 850m	**Altitude exit:** 552m	**Delta Altitude:** 298m
Canyon length: 1250m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.7 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)
Specialities:		
Gear:		

Summary: (machine translated)
Remote alpine canyon similar in character to the nearby Rio Sfonderat.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Follow the SS13 through the Canal Valley until Dogna, here turn off into the Dogna Valley. Follow the road until you cross the Rio Mas (old bridge remains and tunnel). About 500m after the bridge you can park at a yellow hiking trail sign.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the partially slippery path 640 for about 100m to Torrente Dogna. Wade through the stream (the bridge was washed away in 2007) and climb up the other bank with many hairpin bends to just below a ruined house. At the penultimate haipin bend before the ruins, the path leaves to the left. This is the abandoned path 651 which you follow until you see the streambed of the Rio Rondolon. Then stay on the same level without a path for about 50m (do not descend) until you reach the well-marked path that follows the Rio Rondolon uphill to the left until you cross its streambed. Follow the well-marked path to the ortographic right.
Always ascend alongside the canyon until you see a rock face further up, keep left here and ascend briefly across it until you reach a dry streambed. (There are no more path markings visible here).
Either ascend in the dry streambed (easy but slippery climbing passages) or keep right up the steep forest slope until you reach flatter terrain.
Keeping mostly pathless, ascend slightly to the left to an inconspicuous saddle and on the other side descend very steeply through two gravel gullies (the last of which is an ancient wire rope) into the streambed of the Rio Rondolon.

Tour: (machine translated)
Downclimb between large boulders until you reach the first abseil point.
* 8m rappel from anchor left, then downclimb left, the last step can also be jumped.
* Downclimb
* 13m rappel from anchor right
* 2m jump into shallow pool
* 5m jump into narrow pool or rappel from jammed tree trunk (sling)
* 8m rappel through waterfall from anchor right
* Downclimbing and hiking, a steeper, brittle passage can be rappelled from a tree on the left
* 3m jump, a low gorge begins
* 8m rappel from tree left or downclimb left
* Downclimb and small slides
* 9m rappel from tree with sling left
* 3m slide
* 14m rappel from tree with sling right
* downclimb and small slides to the exit of the low gorge
* 300m hiking and small jumps
* 5m jump into a nice pool, then immediately
* 20m rappel from anchors in the middle of the stream, you can jump from several ledges into the small but deep pool
* 300m hiking and downclimbing, you reach the ascent route
* 12m rappel from anchors on the left, possibly jump/slideable
* 10m rappel from tree with sling left
* 4m downclimb right
* 2m jump
* 200m downclimb and hiking to the streambed of the Rio Dogna, hike another 300m through the streambed until you reach the remains of the bridge from the ascent route.

Return: (machine translated)
Via the hiking trail back to the car

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4403 13.3769
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4488 13.3570
Canyon End 46.4462 13.3699

Reports:

2026-09-05 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
It took 1 hour and 45 minutes to hike up. On the way up, when you cross the river, just follow the edge uphill. The dry riverbed climb at the exit has about 50 cm of leaves in it right now—it’s a bit of a hassle to get up. CAnyon itself has two nice, closed sections; you can jump from anywhere you think you can. For my last jump, I jumped from the top—a solid 20 meters? (machine translated)

2025-10-11 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Renovated the stream today. Generally a nice canyon that you can definitely do. To make the access to the Dogna Valley worthwhile, you can combine the Rio Rondolon with the Rio Sfonderat. We have adapted the access description to current conditions, as the access path is not marked on almost any map. (machine translated)

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