# Rio Belepeit (Superiore)

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| **Country:** Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Chiusaforte | | |
| **Difficulty:** a little difficult | **Grading:** v4 a1 V | **Total time:** 5h55 |
| **Approachtime:** 2h15 | **Tourtime:** 3h | **Returntime:** 40min |
| **Altitude entry:** 1270m | **Altitude exit:** 790m | **Delta Altitude:** 480m |
| **Canyon length:** m | **Highest rapell:** 50m | **Amount rapells:** 24 |
| **Transport:** on Foot | **Rock type:** | **Drainage area:** km² |
| **Season:** | **Orientation:** | **Best Time:** |
| **Rating:** ☆ 2 (1) | **Info:** ★ 2 (1) | **Belay:** ★ 0 () |

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**
Ropes: 3x60

**Summary:** (machine translated)
Adventurous, alpine and vertical canyon. In the whole part 1 of the Belepeit there is practically no possibility to get out. You should definitely take enough drinking water reserves with you, as the canyon is exposed SE at the top and when it gets narrower there is no water available for a very long time.
Especially during the first 5 rappels - until the narrower part of the canyon begins - there is acute danger of falling rocks and partly sharp-edged terrain.

If you are interested in history, you can look for 2 B24 wrecks from the 2nd World War on the way to the entry. These planes were brought down at the Austrian-Italian border by flack fire after a mission in Regensburg on 16.2.1945.
With the photos you will find some information about the crash sites.
There are 2 books dealing with the crashes:
- Missione 139
- I'm off to War, Mother, But I'll be Back - Jerry Whiting
Under the following link you will find a short summary:
https://www.fold3.com/page/286482831-crash-of-b-24-44-49657-marc-12494

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)
From the Hotel Carnia head north on the SS13 to Chiusaforte. 300m after the town sign "Villanova / Vilegnove" at km 183 IX appears on the right a bus stop and an entrance to a large parking lot (directly across the road from Villanova. Park here. Note: If you look from the parking lot in the direction of Villanova, you can already see directly above the cascade with the total of almost 120 hm.

**Approach:** (machine translated)
From the parking lot, walk past the benches until you reach the road. If you turn slightly left here and cross the road, you will see a white house (Right by the town sign "Villanova"). To the left of the house, a staircase leads uphill. Follow the stairs until you reach the asphalted cycle path at the beginning of the tunnel. Cross the cycle path (red markings) and follow the path uphill.
You come to a road where you climb over the guardrails, cross the parking lot (Rio Molin parking lot) and go left over the terrace of the house.
Immediately after the house you can see the red markings again, which you follow past the slope barriers until you reach Rio Belepeit (just above the last rappel). ATTENTION: DO NOT follow the red markings over the Rio Belepeit, but go up the stream for about 50m or. to the left and only here cross the Rio Belepeit and continue to follow the hiking trail. Follow this path for about 15-20 minutes uphill past the white wayside shrine. You will then meet the well-marked hiking trail "425" at a concrete wall (approx. 570 hm). Here you turn left and follow the path "425" to the west.
You stay on the well visible path "425". After about another 30 min you pass - at the saddle - a ruin, after another 5 min you come to a house (on the left) with a spring, where you can fill up drinking water.

ATTENTION: This source of drinking water should be used in any case. The upper part of the Belepeit is dry and from that point on there is no possibility to refill the drinking water supply.

Follow the clearly recognizable path "425" uphill until you come to an inconspicuous junction at 890 m (N46.405557, E013.275923) (both a tree on the right and on the left have a red-white-red hiking mark) and during our walk a red cloth was hanging there. Here you turn right off the 425 trail up the slope. You follow the first inconspicuous path in the grass, but then it becomes more and more recognizable.
After another 40min or so, at 1180Hm (N46.409427, E013.278872), you come across another ruin. At the ruin, do not head towards the viewpoint, but pass the ruin on the left (red dot on the tree) and continue to follow the path.
At 1280Hm (N46.412976, E013.280332) leave the path (we tied a piece of Korda's ropes to the tree there) and go pathless first slightly uphill, then keeping right along the saddle towards the south - towards "Monte Belepeit".
Simply follow the saddle until you reach the tree - the first rappel. Entry (N46.411546, E013.280327).

**Tour:** (machine translated)
The first rappel are very adventurous with very high risk of falling rocks - Attention! It must be really careful, because you inevitably looseritt stones, in addition, the stones are very sharp i.e. you must also pay attention to the rappel on the rope. There is no possibility to get the ropes wet at the entry, i.e. you rappel directly in the blazing sun. After the first three adventurous rappels from trees and a descending section, you meet the source of the Belepeit. (During our ascent there was relatively much water in Friuli - nevertheless there were only a few drops coming out of the mountain here).
After another downclimb of about 150m with danger of falling rocks, the canyon becomes a bit narrower and you meet the first drilled stances. The next 5 rappels are repeatedly interrupted by downclimb passages and then 6 rappels follow one after the other.
There follows a passage with several abseils (R30re, R35 li) - here you have to make sure that you really have the 30m or 35m ropes available, because there are no pitons between the abseils.
After this passage the canyon opens up a bit and through an underground spring the canyon finally gets noticeable water.
After about 3 rappels into more open terrain, the canyon narrows again and after another 4 rappels you hit really open terrain, which marks the entry of part 2.

**Return:** (machine translated)
If you want to get out, there is an inconspicuous path to the left, which first leads uphill and then after about 15 minutes to hiking trail 425.
approx. 2.5h Rio Belepeit part 2 and part 3

**Coordinates:**
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4048 13.2944
Canyon Start 46.4115 13.2803
Waypoint 46.4130 13.2803
Waypoint 46.4094 13.2789
Waypoint 46.4056 13.2759
Waypoint 46.4066 13.2896

**Reports:**

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**Parts:**
Rio Belepeit (Superiore), v4 a1 V, 2h15+3h+40min
Rio Belepeit (Inferiore), v5 a1 II, 50min+2h+3min