Valle Santa Maria

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Cimolais		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v2 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h20
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1170m	**Altitude exit:** 1050m	**Delta Altitude:** 120m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 8m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 1.3 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
Short but narrow and impressive gorge in alpine environment

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Cimolais turn into the valley of the Cimoliana and follow the road to the toll hut (toll 2014: 6 EUR per vehicle). Continue up the valley to the large parking lot at the mouth of the Valle Santa Maria.

Approach: (machine translated)
Cross the two streams and follow the marked trail through beautiful deciduous forest to a crossroads. On the right, follow the signs 'Biv. Gervasutti' descending to the streambed, cross the stream and hike shortly to the SE to a forest road, follow the forest road briefly and then descend again to the streambed. In the current tabaccomap the old path is still marked - however, this path has been abandoned. Climb steeply up the western bank and in a long left turn climb about 200m until the path descends into Valle Santa Maria. Soon steeply up again until the valley widens - here you can downclimb for the first time over a streambed coming from the left. Branch off from the path at about 1290m.

Tour: (machine translated)
About 15 minutes of hiking/downclimbing until the valley narrows into a gorge. From here there is no escape route. This is followed by 8 rappels (max. 6m) of hourglass slings or 6mm rock bolts with 2 chain links before the gorge opens up briefly and you can exit on the right via a path marked with cairns. Two more beautiful waterfalls follow, the first of which leads briefly through the water jet. The canyon then exits and you soon reach the hiking trail from the access point.

Return: (machine translated)
Ascent - alternatively you can descend via a path on the orographic left side of the valley.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3585 12.4526
Parking Entry and Exit 46.3499 12.4697
Canyon End 46.3540 12.4567

Reports:

2026-07-23 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
It’s worth visiting at least once for the beauty of the landscape. The narrow section is indeed beautiful. From a canyoning perspective, it doesn’t have much to offer. The descents are short and somewhat unremarkable. As mentioned earlier, the pools are shallow, so there aren’t any opportunities for jumping. (machine translated)

2026-06-26 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Some of the anchors could use some renovation. Canyon itself is definitely worth seeing, but it's short. (machine translated)

2026-04-12 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | High | 👍 Completed
Always wonderful the first sunken part where you can always use the same rope given the proximity of the obstacles. Presence of snowfields especially in the tributary to descend to get to the Santa Maria riverbed. Presence of many treacherous leaves for much of the approach, probably due to the recent wave of very hot weather in the mountains. Just above the last rappel (the most watery) is the most obvious escape route on the right bank via a ledge-like meadow. (machine translated)

2025-05-17 | MirkoT | |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | High | 👍 Completed
For the approach, when trail 356 arrives at elevation 1280 you see imposingly on the left a large black wall (today it had water fall) and turning right on the tributary you arrive on the Santa Maria riverbed at elevation 1215. Embayment of the first half delightful for environment and continuity of jumps. In the second half the environment opens up and there are 2-3 escape routes on the right bank. One is clearly a track on sloping meadow. Presence of many hourglasses on which are installed ropes still in good condition for rappelling. Puddles very graveled and the deepest puddle was 1 meter maximum. N.B. Immediately after the parking lot one must ford the Cimoliana stream. (machine translated)

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