Torrente Pezzeda

Pezzeda

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Cimolais		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 8h15
Approachtime: 3h	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1410m	**Altitude exit:** 970m	**Delta Altitude:** 440m
Canyon length: 3500m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 26
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** dolomite	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 7-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (7)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 1.4 (5)
Specialities:		
Gear:		

Summary: (machine translated)
A deeply carved canyon in a remote valley. A varied route with long and arduous access. Two branches, of which the western one is the more popular and, in recent years, the better bolted.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Cimolais, turn off toward the Cimoliana Valley and follow the road to the toll booth (toll: 6 EUR per vehicle). Continue up through the valley until you reach a parking area near Ponte Confoz.

Approach: (machine translated)
After the bridge, turn right and cross the Torrente Pezzeda. Walk briefly downstream and then take the path up the embankment. The path, which is heavily overgrown in places but hard to miss, leads to the middle entry point into the Pezzeda in about an hour. Cross the stream and climb up the right-hand edge of the steep rocky gully, soon ascending very steeply to the right on footprints into the forest. The path is hardly marked and difficult to find under the many leaves - a few color markers and white barrier tape on branches will have to suffice as markings. To add to the confusion, there used to be another marked path that climbed up to 1750m before meeting path 370. This path is still marked on old versions of the Tabaccomap. In more recent editions of the Tabaccomap, the new route is (almost) correctly marked, and hopefully it is also correct in the OSM. First traverse uphill, at a dry streambed with fallen trees up towards the rock face and then right. Steeply up to a small flattening, keep right here and stay below the large boulder. After a very steep ascent with many hairpin bends, the path disappears again under foliage, first keep left, then follow the markings on the right which lead to an exposed traverse. After this traverse, the path is a little less steep through beech forest until you reach a grassy chute. Here we lost the path in the area of fallen trees and climbed about 80 meters steeply before we were able to cross to the right again. According to the map, the right path continues straight ahead here. At about 1600m above sea level, you meet the cross-path 370, which you follow without any problems until you reach the stream from Val Stua. Walking time from the middle entry point: 1.5h. Continue along the path until you reach the stream after a dilapidated alpine pasture. Descend a little further to the first pools.

Tour: (machine translated)
First small downclimbs, jumps up to 3m and slides in a low gorge of banked rock. If the gravel conditions allow it, a 10m waterfall can be jumped, otherwise rappel from the tree at the back right. Then a tricky 2.5m downclimb into a narrow gap from which you have to jump into a narrow pool (no abseiling option). Rappel 16m over a basin from Spit on the left and then hike to the mouth of the stream from Val Stua. The gorge quickly becomes deeper, alternating between downclimbs and abseils < 10m. After a very impressive narrow section, the anchor for the next 10m abseil is far up to the right - accessible via an unpleasant, gravelly traverse. The gorge becomes sunnier, but remains deeply incised - abseiling points and possible jumps up to 6m. After the intermediate entrance, there is a short block climb before the lower section begins with three low abseils from the right. Then several possible jumps up to 7m in a beautiful gorge before the canyon opens up again. (Exit from the topographic view in Simon Flowers' book). You could ascend 30m to the path on the left or stay in the streambed where you will find a nice 15m rappel after a short block climb. Then downclimb and small possible jumps until you can easily cross left to the ascent path.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the path back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3424 12.5191
Parking Entry and Exit 46.3330 12.4737
Canyon End 46.3301 12.4876
Alternative Canyon Start 46.3445 12.5084
Alternative Canyon Start 46.3440 12.5212
Alternative Canyon End 46.3320 12.4803
Alternative Canyon End 46.3339 12.5003

Reports:

2026-09-12 | Matteok2 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
I rappelled down the upper section in three pitches today. Insufficient anchors and few stainless-steel ones. On the lower section, the first rappel had two sheared anchors! Very high water flow. A very, very beautiful and wild gorge. It deserves to have its anchors fixed up. (machine translated)

2026-08-07 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
4th time in the western branch of Pezzeda for me. Every time i had a drill with me, so it is a bit of a time travel for me here. Today we added one abalakov, auxiliary rope (to be replaced with dyneema) and moved some (non)-stainless steel around. Current status: can be descended as such, though a good rebolting (team effort needed) would be great. A few times it is just m8 and a mix of metals or not so promising rock quality. Approach (specially with the fallen trees since 2018 and also in 2023 there was an avalanche from Monte Turlon) is more like 3-4 hours. In the canyon count 5 to 7 hours. In total a leisurely day. Pezzeda loses a star for its lengthy approach and return trip via the open last part, albeit one or two nice spots in the lower part. In conclusion, and never better said: for experienced parties with extra calories to burn.

2026-06-28 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We hiked the upper section of the Pezzeda. The trail for both the lower and upper sections is clearly visible and perfectly mapped on OSM. At 1600 Hm, you have to make sure you get onto the 370 trail, because the markings are misleading. The trail to the upper section is quite challenging because it’s relatively steep. We took the eastern entry—the actual Pezzeda route. Next time, though, I’d go into the Pezzeda via the Valle della Stua, because it looked quite nice, saves you about 20 minutes of walking time, though it has a few more meters of elevation gain, and the truly beautiful part doesn’t begin until after the confluence of the Valle della Stua and the Pezzeda. The upper section is beautifully carved into the layered limestone and is well worth the effort of the ascent. Although it does have quite a few walking passages, they’re set in stunning surroundings. The many jumps and rappels, however, make the whole experience very rewarding. The lower section is more open, with plenty of walking terrain and boulder hopping, but it definitely features some beautiful canyoning sections and a few higher jumps as well. In general, the quality of the pitons at the top is adequate, but it doesn’t hurt to bring an emergency drilling kit. The quality of the pitons in the lower section is okay. A very nice route for athletic canyoneers (machine translated)

2026-06-27 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
We took the eastern entrance to Pezzada—it was a beautiful hike, with a scenic canyon, great jumps, and waterfalls. Next time, I’d take the western entrance because you lose 140hm walking down from the west to the east. It took us 2.5 hours to complete the approach; the second part of the approach is really steep! We took our time going through the canyon and finished in 3 hours. Don’t exit the canyon via the classic route—there are some nice jumps after that that are definitely worth checking out. (machine translated)

2026-05-01 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Descended the lower part with a very strong icy water flow. Scores of trees still present on left bank after 40 minutes of approach. The canyon today had specified that it was impossible to stand, given the slippery rock and flow. The last 15 belay on the right bank is on a single with double loop and the last 6-7 meters of rappel are fully in the flow. It may be better to double or position the limb for a less watery rappel line. 3-4 dives however doable. Photos 3 and 4: Full flow in the characteristic rappel of the lower Pezzeda. After this rappel you can exit to the left bank going up the trail as the last two rappels are not interesting. (machine translated)

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