Rio Rivis

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Chiusaforte		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h55
Approachtime: 25min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 720m	**Altitude exit:** 425m	**Delta Altitude:** 295m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 3.50km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.1 (19)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (19)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (18)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short, beautiful lime canyon; belays were renewed in May 2024 with glued anchors; short, steep access; can be easily combined with Rio Pliz or Rio Malimberg. Adventurous access to the upper part.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Chiusaforte, drive into the Raccolana Valley. Approx. 1.2 km after the bridge over the Raccolana stream, there is a large gravel parking place on the right and a power station site on the left. Either park here or better a little further up directly 2m next to the Rivis exit (space for 2 cars with ground clearance + approx. 50m further along the road possibly before the bridge on the right before the barrier again space for 2 cars.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the small parking lot right next to the Rivis stream (with the small concrete house in the water) you can judge the amount of water. Continue along the very steep and not always clearly visible path (trail) on the orographic left side, through the forest. After about 20 minutes and a few meters of ascent, you cross over a small rinse to the left and you are already standing directly in the Rivisbach. Entry at 600m. If you want to do the upper part (but it is not interesting), continue up. At a small game feeding station, cross left into the valley of the Rio Rivis (exposed). You reach the bottom of the valley by abseiling twice (1 abseiling point is a narrow gap) - see links + video

Tour: (machine translated)
The Rivis is a short, rewarding, open, not too difficult lime canyon that was newly equipped with glued anchors in 2024. As an alternative to the belays, some steps outside the water flow can be rappelled from tree slings. The canyon is a good alternative if other canyons have too much water or simply as a half-day tour. Right at the beginning there is a narrow section with a clamping block under which you rappel. This is followed by several abseils in quick succession. At the highest abseil point (approx. 40m) there is a belay on the left and right, whereby an intermediate belay can be used after 15m on the right. There are also 2 more rappels of 25m and 15m before descending over the last rock steps on the right (alternatively: rappel down short steps via anchors). In the shallow streambed you will soon reach the concrete house and the bridge with the parking lot (approx. 440m).

Return: (machine translated)
Get off just left of the bridge. Depending on parking possibilities, return to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.3960 13.3311
Canyon End 46.3959 13.3312
Canyon Start 46.3933 13.3325

Reports:

2026-10-17 | Uschi Winter | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Beautiful canyon. The sections were top-notch. If there's a little more water, less slime, and more sun, we'll do it again next year. (machine translated)

2026-08-08 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A cool rappel canyon with 20 minutes of access. Definitely worth doing more than once. The anchors are top-notch—everything has been re-taped and is redundant. Drive time from car to car with 2 people: 1:30. (machine translated)

2026-08-07 | Daniel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A really cool, technical canyon. A group of 9 people; the hike took about 4.5 hours. (machine translated)

2026-07-22 | Philip Van Den Berge | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All okay. Nice rappel canyon.

2026-07-11 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The canyon is in great condition. A lovely, leisurely half-day hike. A good balance between access and descent. (machine translated)

2026-07-09 | Yannik Schoenlau | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A very nice short canyon. It can certainly be combined well with other short canyons in the area. It’s especially good for practice, since there are many anchor points and rapels that follow right one after another. (machine translated)

2026-06-14 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Beautiful short tour, only would deserve a bit more water. Good for practicing too. Anchors are abundant.

2026-06-13 | Olda | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
It’s a beautiful canyon. The approach trail is steep and not very visible, but it’s impossible to get lost. You can easily combine this hike with the Rio Costra Stretta hike in a single day, as they share the same starting point. (machine translated)

2026-06-07 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
As a bonus, it's good and worthwhile (machine translated)

2025-08-31 | Florian Heufler | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
After the water level dropped, it was still possible to do this fun vertical rappel canyon! Would be easily accessible even at high water levels! Top anchors and perfectly secured (machine translated)

2025-08-29 | Florian Heufler | | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ | High | Not done
Water level high after the rainfall of the night, if the tour is known ascent wsl possible, but group decision not to enter as also unstable weather forecast for today (machine translated)

2025-08-24 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
All TOP (machine translated)

2025-07-26 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Walked at slightly higher water level. All insurances top! Very nice tour when others have too much water. Can be combined well with Rio Costa. (machine translated)

2025-07-26 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Good flow after the morning rain. Equipment in perfect condition. (machine translated)

2024-10-23 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
A clear, signposted, approach. Perfect equipment. (machine translated)

2024-10-19 | Max H. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Only walked the lower part. Very nice tour when there was a bit more water. Siphon at the second rappel was still negligible. The amount of water on the rappel was manageable. Key point with more water probably the first abseil channel under the rock. (machine translated)

First descent: 01.05.2011 by Canyoning Alpi Giulie