Il Rio

Fosso Il Rio

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Marche **Subregion:** Fermo **Town:** Montefortino		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 III	**Total time:** 6h40
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 1200m	**Altitude exit:** 800m	**Delta Altitude:** 400m
Canyon length: 1700m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** Southeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.1 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60

Summary: (machine translated)
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Hydrology: (machine translated)
At the start of the season, the water level can be very high, not to mention the snowfields.
June–August.

Access: (machine translated)
(Same parking lot as for Le Vene and Sibilla)
From the A14 highway, take the exit at Civitanova Marche and head toward Macerata, Foligno, and Sarnano, then continue on to Armandola. Once past the town, follow the signs to Montefortino. Just before the village, be sure not to miss the turnoff for Gola del Infernaccio. The road turns into a dirt road; follow it to the exit.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, continue along the trail to the “Infernaccio del Tenna.” Hike up the beautiful, narrow path. Continue following the GR trail until you reach the sign for San Leornado (white-red markings, GR 229). At the monastery, do not continue straight ahead on the well-maintained trail that leads down to the river (access to the lower section). Instead, look for a small path in the grass near the fountain that leads straight up; after 5 minutes, it becomes very easy to walk on again. The trail eventually leads out of the forest onto a beautiful meadow (1,306 m). To the right of an old trail, look for tracks that lead toward the canyon. If you can’t identify them using your altimeter, stay at an elevation of about 1,300 m.

Tour: (machine translated)
Update as of August 1, 2026
Upper Part:
- New stainless steel belay station added at the 25-meter-high “Anfiteatro” waterfall
- A stainless steel belay station has been added at the “Nascosta” waterfall behind the hanging pool

Lower part:
All anchors are in very good condition; only the access stream is very “polluted.” Beautiful water flow along the 50-meter stretch.

To avoid the arduous middle section, only the lower part is recommended. The upper part features several obstacles, including a pleasant 28-meter part at the exit.
The middle section is a long trek through underbrush and over slippery boulders until you reach a boulder field that gradually narrows and eventually leads into the C60. From an AN RG, you use a 10-meter rappelling route to reach a good belay station. If the water flow is sufficient, it’s possible to bypass the RG stream 15 meters further down.
After another short hike between the boulders, the descent takes on a true canyoning character, with successive pools that flow into the very beautiful C38. Half of the route runs like a spider’s web beneath tuff rocks.

Emergency exit between the two sections.

Return: (machine translated)
The descent is now over. You have to take a trail marked with red paint (RD), but it’s very easy to lose sight of it.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.9313 13.2689
Canyon End 42.9257 13.2781
Unknown Parking 42.9276 13.2862

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