

Rio Frondizzon

Frondizzon

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Udine Town: Tolmezzo		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a2 II	Total time: 2h35
Approachtime: 5min	Tourtime: 2h30	Returntime: 0min
Altitude entry: 500m	Altitude exit: 380m	Delta Altitude: 120m
Canyon length: 2000m	Highest rapell: 35m	Amount rapells: 5
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: West	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.6 (9)	Info: ★ 3 (6)	Belay: ★ 3 (6)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x40m		
Summary: (machine translated) Initially long walking passage, therefore see tip / 2nd possibility; very nice cut middle part; at higher water levels (unstable weather) very dangerous / life-threatening!; very nice half-day tour; best sunlight from midday; water drainage in the upper part by "Enel", therefore usually little water in the canyon; several pitons for traverses rope construction available; it has often happened that unforeseen water has been drained into the canyon. The rappel passages are then really demanding!		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) about 5min+ 20min transfer car From Tolmezzo you drive on the SS52b in northern direction, direction "Austria" --> shortly after Tolmezzo you see the prison on the left and a Shell gas station on the right --> from here you drive exactly 1,9Km until you turn right after a sharp bend near a house and come to the Enel power station --> behind the power station you can park well --> before you drive up with the second car to the entry, the water level should be checked --> for this you go approx. 50m from the exit of the gorge to the last step --> the water should flow calmly into the last pool --> after checking the water level, take the second car in the direction of Tolmezzo --> it is recommended to drive around the center of the village, at the next traffic junction take the Tolmezzo exit --> continue to the small traffic circle --> turn right --> straight on past the Lidl supermarket until you reach the sign for Illegro (turn left) --> from here follow the road up to the village of Illegro --> after the town sign turn immediately left in the direction of the church (narrow lane) --> before the church take the turnoff.left "S. Florian" until the cemetery --> here you park the car (at approx. 580Hm).		

Approach: (machine translated)

Access: (approx. 5min/35-40min)

1st possibility:

From the cemetery, walk down the trail to the creek in a few minutes --> entry at about 500Hm before the stone bridge on the right.

Tip/ 2nd possibility (approx. 35-40min):

To save yourself all the car transfer and river walk from Ort Illegro to the first rappel point, you can follow the pipeline up steep steps through the tunnel right next to the exit at the Enel power plant (no lamp needed). After the tunnel, the path is flat until you reach the equalization basin. Once at the basin, an iron footbridge leads over the concrete obstruction. After that, the basin is logically bypassed on the left. !!! Before the next iron bridge/stream, look out for the canyoning marker on the tree on the left (blue dot on white background). From here follow the marking and visible path straight up steeply through the forest to the first forest ridge. At the ridge do not continue left uphill, but follow the path right downhill. After a short while, keep left again and go up to a second forest ridge (at the ruin you are too high), before it finally goes steeply down to the stream. After a short stretch in the streambed you are already in front of the first abseiling point.

(Attention!!! Due to fallen trees, the main path is not always easy to see, but at greater intervals up to the stream there are always canyoning markings on trees.

Tour: (machine translated)

approx. 2,5h

The tour starts at the stone bridge at about 500Hm and leads for about 20-25min through open terrain. In this part you will pass the water drainage "Enel" after about 10min (most of the water is drained here. The wall can be downclimbed on the right side before walking the rest of the walking passages to the 1st rappel point. With a traverserope you get safely to the exposed belaystation on the left side, before you rappel 35m into the pool. After this highest point follows immediately 10m rappel into the second beautiful pool. After that there are some small steps and pools in the open terrain before it is really cut in the middle part for about 100m. The cut part does not pose any technical problems. After an inflow from the left, there is a short stretch to the next 3 abseils, which are interrupted by short walking passages. At the end, the canyon narrows again. The last step is cleverly downclimbed due to the absence of a piton, before leaving the canyons in a short time to the power station "Enel" (parking lot).

Return: (machine translated)

approx. 0min

The exit of the canyon is directly at the Enel power plant before the bridge on the right at about 380Hm.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.4306 13.0441](#)

Parking at Entry [46.4315 13.0562](#)

Parking at Exit [46.4320 13.0379](#)

Canyon End [46.4311 13.0398](#)

Reports:

2024-11-01 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Crazy |🔴 Not done

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Frondizzon La centrale del bacino di Tramba ha livello d'acqua a sfioro. La centrale ha la griglia della presa intasata viste le ultime forti precipitazioni di due settimane fa e quindi il bacino scarica tutta l'acqua nel rio Frondizzon. Per info aggiornate, chiamare il numero +39042786129 e chiedere di parlare con la persona reperibile. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21759/observations.html>)

2024-08-31 | Sietse Winter |★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

In the first part of the canyon there was very little water, until another waterfall added a lot of water for the last few abseils. Hooks in good condition. (machine translated)

2024-08-23 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

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2024-06-29 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Frondizzon Petit filet dans la première partie puis debit correct + à partir de l'affluent après l'oscuro (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21759/observations.html>)

2024-06-27 | Bernhard |★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Ascent via the tunnel cool ambience but afterwards very slippery in the forest Upper part of the Frondizzon very little turbid water We were lucky and the inflow from the dam (big waterfall in the middle) was active and so we had a superiore water level from there on Two rappels directly in the water jet/ but doable without problems (machine translated)

2024-06-24 | Rick Paapy |★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Fast decent on Friday, waterlevel was low, all anchors good did the whole canyon in 1 hour.

2024-06-22 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

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2024-04-28 | Wolfgang |★★★★|📖|📌|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Currently a lot of water in the canyon; but everything was still manageable. Since there was already a lot of water in the upper part, I assume that the "dam" at the drainage to the reservoir is "open" or damaged. (machine translated)

2023-08-13 | Kevin Sindberg |★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

From the top walked, whereby (with the experience now) the variant two is highly recommended; the 20min shuttlen they can be confidently saved. Otherwise, a beautiful gorge with very relaxed water level. Is well suited for a half-day tour (about 2.5-3h) (machine translated)

2023-08-04 | Andreas Bramböck |★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Ascent via variant 2 (through tunnels) is top. Due to the water drainage, this was probably the only tour that was safely doable today in the area. (machine translated)

2023-07-16 | Rok |★★★★|📖★★★★|📌★★★★|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Very little water, but still worthwhile. Very turbid or milky. Many jumps possible. Protection perfect. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User |★★★★|📖|📌||

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Ort, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/RioFrondizzonCanyon.html> und <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21759>

2023-03-09 | System User |★★★★|📖|📌||

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