Val Ferron

Val Feron,Pala Giuliana + Val Ferron

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Pordenone **Town:** Claut		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h55
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 850m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 22m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: March - November	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.7 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 1.3 (3)

Warnings:

Venomous snakes

Presence of both venomous (Vipera dal Corno, horned viper, sand viper) and non-venomous snakes. Check the trail cautiously, use of a walking stick can be useful in the high grass.

Ticks

Tick rating 3/3 - use of long pants, high socks, long t-shirt, insect repellent and cautiously checking for ticks is recommended.

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 1x50, 1x30

Summary:

Micro-canyon made up of a tributary + collector canyon in a side-valley of the wild Dolomiti Friulane. The itinerary is of secondary interest for collectors or for introductory purposes into adventure canyoning. Wonderful scenery below the 'Pala Giuliana'.

Hydrology:

In summer water will flow below surface level, only at the first abseil it appears, and after the tributary exit it disappears. Similar situation in the collector canyon: first part is dry, but water (more abundant) appears again at the water works. Rather small water catchment area. The canyon depends on rain and subterranean reserves, but flows minimal long after rain has fallen.

Access:

By car: a few 100m into the valley is a large gravel area with fireplace to park (just 500m from the exit). Alt. 560m. Also nice to do is on e-bike (can be rented in Claut at Alchymya shop). Access to the valley higher up is officially not authorised, and only possible with a high clearance car.

Approach:

Hike the road up to a rock in a curve with graffiti 'Rete' (alt. 800m) - we see the arrival of the tributary below the Pala Giuliana in front. Hike up the large bouldery dry river on the right, to complete a short loop across the little hill that separates us from the tributary. There is no use hiking up all the way to the mountain (canyon only starts lower), but cross the little hill at 900m max after which we go down in the tributary's river bed (now still dry) to alt. 800m. A shorter access may be possible, but could be rather exposed.

Tour:
Tributary starts with the highest abseil 22m. The anchors here are mainly 8mm single with additional abalakovs. Never technical, but offering a taste of typical Dolomite scenery. The road can be easily reached in between the two distinct parts. If continued into Val Ferron, it is first a short walk in a dry river bed, but a more generous amount of water is found after the water works. Two more abseils, max 8m from doubled anchors, some downclimbing and a walk back before exiting left.
Attention to the presence of ticks and both venomous and non-venomous snakes. Possibility to bath just before the exit.

Return:
The road is spotted from the last abseil in the tributary. Either climb up to the road or continue into Val Ferron.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2482 12.4391
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2501 12.4456
Parking at Exit 46.2501 12.4559

Reports:

2026-04-29 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Completed the tour with quicklinks, rings, redundant anchors (M10 for the lower part). All drops top-to-bottom now have two anchors or abalakov as a complement in the upper part. The descent remains an adventure trip, but without compromise. Recommended is the combination of both mini-canyons as 1 itinerary from the lower parking. Spotted multiple snakes, one dead animal in the collector, but 0 ticks this time. Note: in my previous report i mention that i run upper + lower part, both refer to the tributary. This upper-upper part is a dry river bed below the big rock walls and is just walking. Interesting parts are lower part of tributary + lower part of collector. In between is a walking section. The file has been updated accordingly.

2026-04-25 | MirkoT | ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Descended only the lower part downstream of the water works. Two nice bottlenecks that are worthwhile if you have 30 minutes of sunshine left. (machine translated)

2024-09-19 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Discovered the tour exploring the valleys on bike. I ran the upper and lower part of the canyon (only the lower is interesting). The single 8mm anchors were a bit minimal, so i backed them up with abalakovs. Next time / next group brings 4 quicklinks to complete.