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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Vito d'Asio		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 1h25
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 1h10	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 370m	**Altitude exit:** 300m	**Delta Altitude:** 70m
Canyon length: 520m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 80.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.8 (10)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (10)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (9)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short, beautiful narrow canyon; flows into turquoise-blue Arzinobach; approx. 200m swimming section in Arzinobach; can be combined well with Torrente la Foce, Torrente Cosa, Agaviva; stream name is from the late Carlo Gasparini; some slippery spots; small catchment area; all abseiling points in the watercourse; exposure east; vegetation-rich surroundings; very well equipped; is also used commercially; note the water level in Arzino!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Tolmezzo head towards Verzegnis and continue over the Sella Chianzutan into the Arzinotal valley. After some time on the SP1, drive over the Arzinobach. Then follow the road for just a few hundred meters to the bus stop/exit before the signs for Pielungo 1km, Clauzetto 11km, Tramonti 24km, Grotte Pradis. Here you can park your car on the right.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, follow the signs to the right in the direction of the village of Pielungo. Less than 100m after the junction, at the point where the guardrail (left) is interrupted at a right-hand bend, a clearly visible path leads down to the stream/entry at approx. 370m. To check the water level before the tour, you can follow the SP1 road from the parking lot straight on to the bridge over the Rio Carlo Gaspirini. Here you can already see the last steps of the tour.

Tour: (machine translated)
Immediately after the short access comes the first small step, which is mostly a slide. This is followed by an approx. 18m rappel into the now incised and thinner canyon. Beautiful washouts and twists lead to a large rock that blocks the way in the narrow section. Depending on the conditions, either slip through here or rappel right from single bolts. Then come the last abseiling points, 7m, 10m, 3m and 20m in quick succession. The belay station for the last abseil point, which leads directly into the Arzinobach, can be reached safely using a rope traverse. Alternatively, the last 20m step can also be rappelled 15m into a washout and the rest slid into the Arzinobach. As the Rio Carlo Gasparini flows into the beautiful Arzinobach without an exit option, you have to swim another 200m without any major obstacles. After the beautiful incised swimming passage, the canyon opens up and you can see a large sloping rock slab on the right where you can get out of the stream immediately afterwards on the gravel bed on the right for about 300m without any problems (do not continue swimming here as the further course of the stream has major danger spots).

Return: (machine translated)
About 100m after the gorge, climb up to the right over rock slabs into the forest to reach a poorly visible path that leads back to the parking lot on the right.
Don't be tempted to swim further in the Arzino towards La Foce. A siphon lurks at the beginning of the next gorge and soon after that a declining step. Can be explored from the road. In 2018, the siphon was closed and the steps could be negotiated with rope support. Caution: there is a block hidden in the Weissweisser on the left

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2762 12.9368
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2771 12.9379
Canyon End 46.2753 12.9407

Reports:

2026-09-13 | LorenzGr | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
It's better to do it in the morning, as you will get the sun in the gorge. Unfortunately, there are many logs inside the gorge, and every inviting pool requires careful checking. Some idiot has stolen an anchor (10 mm); the drop can be descended by awkward down-climbing or by using a natural anchor on a wedged log. The other anchors are ok. The final rappel that leads to the Arzino is so slippery that it may trigger a pendulum effect. By far the best part is the 5-minutes within the Arzino stream. The return route to the car can be taken either along the left bank (heading upstream and crossing a metal bridge) or along the right bank of the Arzino.

2026-07-05 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's great. The highlight of the canyon is, by far, the exit through the Arzino. (machine translated)

2026-06-03 | Moc | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
I meant this one, not the Sclusons, sorry (machine translated)

2026-05-30 | Uschi Winter | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything in order . (machine translated)

2025-08-23 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything is fine. (machine translated)

2025-07-03 | Maru1988 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
anchors in very good condition. water level quite low (I think in recent years it is the norm in this canyon). always a nice canyon for a quick action. only a few fallen trees reduce the fun of crossing the canyon. As always an irreplaceable experience is jumping in and paddling down the Arzino river to the beach at the exit of the canyon. It is always nice to spend a few moments there to relax in a secluded place :)

2025-06-09 | Uschi Winter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Anchors all in top condition. Some driftwood. Swimming along in the Arzino is always a feast. (machine translated)

2024-08-23 | Edgar Göhr | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Today only 2 stars due to lack of water. Also a lot of unsightly branches on gravel. (machine translated)

2024-08-03 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
The front slide is sliding. After the 2nd descent there are quite a few trees in the canyon. The last bushwhack and swim in the Arzino is nice. Equipment ok. (machine translated)

2023-07-01 | Jak87 | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
They cut many trees above the canyon and many fell inside. (machine translated)

2023-04-18 | Daniel Sturm | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Canyon merged. Coordinates edited. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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