Rio Chiampeit

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Moggio Udinese		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 IV	**Total time:** 3h35
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 630m	**Altitude exit:** 300m	**Delta Altitude:** 330m
Canyon length: 1600m	**Highest rapell:** 70m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (11)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 1.4 (10)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x70m (2x50m)

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful, worthwhile lime canyon; 70m final waterfall (divisible); catchment area approx. 3Km²; upper part mostly dry, from tributary in the lower part more aquatic; some boulder climbing and walking passages; depending on water level several jumps and slides; two access points; belay slings and tabs of older construction (replace if in doubt), good chain anchor at 70m waterfall.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from Carnia, take the SS13 towards Tarvisio. Approx. 4 km after the Hotel Carnia, you will see the turn-off to Moggio on the left. Do not take this, but follow the road (SS13) for approx. 50 m and then turn sharp right into the small side road. Follow this road to the exit and park the shuttle car in front of the barrier under the highway bridge (the final waterfall can already be seen from the parking lot).
Approach option 1: (30min car + 30min access)
Take the second car in the direction of Carnia (Udine). After the traffic junction at Carnia, drive over a bridge with tracks underneath. Shortly afterwards, you should turn left towards Tugliezzo, but this is not possible because of the road closure, so continue a little further and turn right towards Carnia, then turn right again at the first opportunity and follow the road to the left (passes under the SS13 main road) at the crossroads go straight on towards Tugliezzo. An asphalted mountain road winds up next to the huge gravel field towards the few houses of Tugliezzo. After the houses on the plateau, the road descends with a sharp right bend past a barrier and the bridge over the Rio Lavarie. Follow the road uphill until you reach a large turnaround area where you can park the second car (the rest of the road is best done on foot...very narrow and steep).

Approach option 2: (10min car + 1h15min access)

Take the second car and drive right after the village of Moggia Udinese on an initially asphalted road to the houses of "Stavolli Rovorade" (516m). Park the second car here.

Approach: (machine translated)
About 30min
1st option: From the reversible parking (see option 1), follow the steep and narrow mountain road until the exit at the houses "Cuel Lunc alto". Here you will find the sign 743 "Stavoli/DelVerzan". Attention the path goes down here to the right along the hedge into the woods. After a short while you cross a dry streambed. Do not enter here but descend further to the main stream at approx. 650m (remains of walls).
2nd possibility (about 1h15min): From the houses at Stavoli Ravorade (516m) follow the tracks towards the houses of "Verzan" at about 720m. At Verzan you descend into the open mostly dry streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Rio Chiampeit is a beautiful worthwhile lime canyon that should be walked best after rains or in the spring, because then there is also water in the pools in the upper part (dry also not bad). The upper part of the canyon is very diverse. Walking and downclimb alternate with rappelling up to max. 25m. The limestone rock is nicely polished and some pools invite you to jump or slide. From the halfway point there is a longer downclimb over rock chaos. In the lower walking section there are small springs and a tributary from the left that also bring water into the canyon in summer. Here one has right also the possibility of an intermediate entry / break-off possibility. There are still some small jumps, slides and two 5m steps that can be rappelled or jumped. After a shorter walking passage with two possible jumps, it gets serious. You are now just before the final waterfall (left) and the last two abseils (15m+70m). The first step can also be slid with enough momentum (rock runs diagonally into the pool!). However, one should be careful at the following edge, since the water rushes here directly 70m into the depth (in case of doubt, one builds a removable rope traverse). The belaystation for the 70m rappel is a bit higher and exposed on the right side (two glued anchors are available!). The almost 70m rappel can also be divided. To do this, you first rappel about 25m in a water stream over an overhang. Immediately after the first overhang you reach a narrow rock band, which you traverse to the (orographic) left to the first anchor. From this last belaystation you rappel mostly outside the water flow for about 45m.

Return: (machine translated)
After the final waterfall at the second pool (350m) you get out of the creek on the left and shortly reach the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3861 13.1812
Parking at Exit 46.3969 13.1803
Canyon End 46.3965 13.1815
Parking at Entry 46.3939 13.1862
Parking at Entry 46.3860 13.1652

Reports:

2026-10-21 | Paula G | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👎 Not done
We couldn't get in because the water was so high compared to yesterday, and the lower pool looked pretty rough. (machine translated)

2026-09-06 | Christian Kruscha | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We entered at the intermediate access point (because we'd already suspected that the upper reaches of the stream were dry) ... the last few meters from the intermediate access point/emergency exit are no longer there due to a mudslide, so we descended/rapped into the stream relatively easily. CAUTION: lots of loose debris! Low water level, all anchors were okay, and the ones at the belay station for the last person who was rappelling were in great shape—the only difficult part was reaching the intermediate belay station because everything was so mossy and slippery. A 55-meter rope (in a double strand) is just enough to reach the intermediate belay station. (machine translated)

2025-07-08 | Marco Heltai | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
The canyon is currently passable, but the existing anchors are outdated, partially rusted, and in need of a general overhaul. With high water flow—such as the conditions we encountered—a redirect on the left side is particularly necessary at the beginning of the final descent (C70), which is currently missing. Anyone planning a repeat descent is advised to bring a drill and bolts for potential anchor improvements.

2025-06-08 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Crazy | 👍 Completed
Brown floods after the rains demanding but top The tour is simply superiore when there is a lot of water We waited until the crazy water had subsided and then did the tour. The waterfall at the end clearly decreases in force every hour - you can observe and assess it well at the Pp If there is more water, you should think twice (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | Ba | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Canyon with turquoise crystal clear water, partly very impressive but mostly very interrupted. At least 4 very cool jumps. We rappelled down the last waterfall via the intermediate belay, which was tricky. 55m of ropes needed to reach the intermediate belay. When rappelling before the 70m waterfall, it is best to go to the high waterfall stand with a knot in the rope, otherwise you have to climb unsecured. Not for beginners! Many stands unfortunately had to be renewed (ropes with torn sheath) many relatively difficult downclimbs. 1 rapid link added. (machine translated)

2024-08-17 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We started from the Lavarie entry point. The approach to the turnaround point was easy. Unfortunately it was completely dry at the beginning and from about the intermediate entry point the water was crystal clear. Some jumps possible. We did the 70m rappel via the intermediate level. At the arrival pool there are many people swimming and watching the people rappelling. The traverse is a bit slippery but easy to do. There is also an abseil ring that could be used for a rope traverse. Rappels are mostly set up with rope slings. Currently not a single chain anchor but definitely worthwhile canyons. As the upper part was really completely dry, it may be advisable to start at the intermediate entrance. However, there are currently a lot of fallen trees there. Unfortunately, I lost my ascender plus Petzl Ovalo Karibner on this tour (I suspect in the upper dry part). If anyone finds it I would be happy ;-) (+436769144462) (machine translated)

2024-06-29 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Water level in the uppermost part OK, then quickly dry. Only a little above the intermediate entrance does the water reappear. The water level at the bottom is then very entertaining. All jumps and slides are doable (machine translated)

2024-06-27 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All stands fine - not amazing. All anchors were double bolt, but often one bolt was marginal. The picture attached - the flow at the top was fine, but felt like it could have taken more. However, the final waterfall with a lot more flow would be quite intimidating. The traverse to the second stand for the final drop is a little slippery and awkward with a big bag on. The stainless rap ring on this stand was looking a little old - and will likely need replacing soonish.

2024-06-26 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Superiore water level at the moment, upper part has good water and much jumpable A fantastic jump slide right