Val Clusa

Clusa,Val Crusa,Rio Muda

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Belluno **Town:** Agordo		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v4 a5 III	**Total time:** 7h56
Approachtime: 1h50	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 6min
Altitude entry: 960m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 490m
Canyon length: 2400m	**Highest rapell:** 36m	**Amount rapells:** 36
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (10)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (8)

Warnings:

Dangerous hydraulic system

Dangerous hydraulic system with unexpected rise in waters possible even on a clear day and without the dam (halfway the canyon) being full. Previously the problem only was when the dam was full, but in recent years huge amounts of water was released into the dam & straight into the canyon as the dam was wide open.

Specialities:

Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40

Summary: (machine translated)

The extreme classic. Narrow, aquatic canyon of great difficulty and length. Very scenic and remote. Only a few emergency exits possible.

There is the upper part and the lower part, which starts at the dam. The dam is connected to Lago del Mis and is used if there are problems in the tributary valley. This means that you should only go into the canyon when the weather is stable and, above all, not spend too much time in the lower part to reduce any possible danger.

*** Update: DANGER in recent years the dam has reportedly been releasing sudden & dangerous amounts of water even with a clear sky. Even when the dam was open. Until further notice this portion should not be undertaken ***.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

Coming from Belluno on the SS 203 towards Agordo through the Cordevole valley. Parking lot in the La Muda area, after the suspension bridge over the Torrente Cordevole. (Tip: Here you are just outside the national park, i.e. you have no problem spending the night here and directly opposite there is a bar / restaurant where you can eat in the evening or which is open from 6:30 - 7:00 for breakfast.

Approach: (machine translated)

Orographically right along marked trail no. 546 uphill, initially steep through forest. After about half an hour you come to the turnoff to the dam for the lower part. For the upper part, follow the path uphill. At about 940 m there is a barely visible turnoff to path 545, but here you stay along the course of the gorge on path 546 (path arrow Val Clusa path 546). From now on you go without much loss of altitude always along the path until at 960Hm you come closer and closer to the stream and can enter without major problems (see coordinates).

The path is generally clearly visible, there is no more damage from the forest fire. At one point there is a possible risk of falling, but this is well secured with steel ropes.

Tour: (machine translated)
The upper section (from 1490 m) was opened on June 21, 2020 and has 28 equipped runs. The maximum descent length is 40 meters (a cable car is required in strong currents).

At the beginning, Val Clusa is still a relatively open forest gorge. However, this changes after the first 6 rappels, where the canyon becomes visibly narrower and deeper. In general, there are only a few ways out of the canyon during the tour.
After approx. 18 rappels or 27 rappels in the upper part, you will find a way ortographic right out of the canyon.
After approx. 29 rappels there are yellow signs and the path leads out to the right where you reach the dam. This path should not be overlooked, because if the dam is active and water is dammed, it may be that you can no longer get out of the reservoir, because the ladders are in a shaft that is only accessible when the dam is empty.
For the upper part you should plan about 4h-5h.

If you miss the signs and jump into the pool, there is another rappel before you reach the reservoir and stand in front of the dam. During our ascent (15.8.2023) we were lucky that the dam was open, i.e. you could easily go through the dam and get to the lower part or use the ladder in the shaft for a possible exit.
The dam is automatically controlled and is also connected to the Lago del Mis as an overflow, i.e. you should generally not dawdle in the lower part, as even if the reservoir is open and the water is ok due to a technical fault etc., water is fed into the Clusa. water is fed into the Clusa.

The lower part is a little more aquatic than the upper part but very nicely incised. The lower part has a total of 7 rappels, the highest being 30m.
You should plan about 1.5 hours for the lower part.

The border of the national park (where canyoning is prohibited) is exactly on the southern bank of the Clusa - the ascent of the Val Clusa is permitted.

Return: (machine translated)
Go under the bridge of SR203 until Torrente Cordevole and turn right (in the direction of Torrente Cordevole) for about 50m. Here up the embankment to the road and return by the road to the parking lot (about 15 min).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2590 12.1186
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2468 12.0986
Canyon End 46.2442 12.1054
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2766 12.1331
Parking at Entry 46.2828 12.1230
Waypoint 46.2756 12.1265
Intermediate Canyon Exit 46.2533 12.1120
Intermediate Canyon Exit 46.2502 12.1136

Reports:

2026-08-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa DC- sur le superieur et l'intermédiaire, DC sur la partie inférieure, un encaissement dingue, sombre et profond tout le long de la descente, descendu en intégrale a 6 en 7h30 et 2h d'approche, attention les broche se sont faite arrachés sur un petit obstacle de 3m dans la seconde partie du canyon, on a desescaladé mais c'est vraiment pas ouf, le réservoir du barrage était totalement vide ducoup la troisième partie était en débit libre aucun danger de lâcher de barrage sinon RAS magnifique descente (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2026-07-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa On n’a fait que la partie inférieure à 2. 45 mins de marche d approche et environ 1h30 de canyon. Très sympa, DC. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2026-07-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Fait en integral. DC - en haut et DC en bas. Sortie à la route, équipement béton. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2026-07-16 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Just a note: the reservoir at the power plant has been drained again, and the spillway is open 30 cm. Everything else is fine, and it’s always a real pleasure to travel through Val Clusa. After a winter with little snow (and a June without precipitation), in the seven days leading up to the descent, approximately 45 mm of rain fell in the Val Clusa basin, and the flow turned out to be average. Photo 1: If this waterfall has only two flow lines, the flow rate is medium-low Photo 2: Checkpoint at the bridge on Regional Road 203. Medium-low flow rate. Photo 3: The key section of the classic Clusa route Photo 4: The dam gate was open just a few centimeters on July 16, 2026 (machine translated)

2026-06-23 | Mario Duller | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
A really beautiful tour. Unfortunately, it was extremely slippery. The water level was on the low side. If there’s more water, you should bring longer ropes so you always have enough rope to reach the next belay station. (machine translated)

2026-05-09 | Pastikks | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Low flow rate for the season. Particularly slippery bottom throughout the run that slows progression. Sufficient anchors. Exited at the beginning of the lower section. Photo 1 - reach at the entrance Photo 2 - technical rappel with diverter (machine translated)

2025-09-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Marche d'approche très régulière jusqu'à l'embranchement à droite. Là, il est dit que ça descend mais il reste encore du dénivelé ! Eau froide jusqu'à la confluence de Pezze qui lui est encore plus froid ! À partir de là ça glisse pas mal.Pas de difficulté majeure dans les obstacles qui s'enchaînent sans discontinuer ! DC+Équipement bon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2025-08-19 | Daniel Gilbert | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Spectacular canyon! All anchors were ok, some mono bolts higher up in the canyon. Rock was very slippery and we all feel over many times. Water levels were low so the lower section was easy and didn't have any hydraulics.

2025-08-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Clusa Part sup until the dam. DC+. Installations ok. The further down, the more slippery. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2531/observations.html)

2025-06-25 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
We entered at the dam, after following the metal railing down to it. The dam was nearly spilling, however the water flowing out was minimal, maybe 1m2. This was the slipperiest canyon we have ever been down. All the rocks are covered in alge. The anchors were adequate, however you would be stupid to go down without some material to replace a couple of helpful threads. At this flow, all the anchoring was sufficient. Some abseils have both dry and wet lines. I think if it wasn't so slippery, there would have been numerous opportunities to jump

First descent: 15.08.1987 by Agosto 1987, GP. Biancucci, S. Matteoli, M. Menicucci, I. Panicucci, M. Sivelli