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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Belluno **Town:** Borgo Valbelluna		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v1 a2 III	**Total time:** 3h6
Approachtime: 1min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 450m	**Altitude exit:** 350m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: 2800m	**Highest rapell:** 10m	**Amount rapells:** 1
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.1 (21)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (15)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (15)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x25m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful aquatic hiking canyon without much difficulty; several narrows with little light; maze-like passageways; midday is when you have the most light in the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Villa di Villa drive in the direction of Tiago. In Tiago, turn left towards "Castello". After the village of Tiago, the road goes downhill and you cross a small bridge. The old parking lot here is unfortunately closed. Continue along the road until you can turn left to the Castello and stop at the large tourist parking lot. Either on foot or with the 2nd car, follow the road past the "Castello". The road changes from asphalt to gravel, then becomes asphalt again, then gravel again until you finally come back to the asphalt road. At the T-junction, turn left towards Feltre/Belluno. Continue. In the small village of "Val Maor", turn right at the first opportunity. Follow the road towards "Venastadio" as far as the soccer pitch. Park here (approx. 450m).

Alternative: From Mel at SP 1, drive via Carve to the sports field at the entry point, see:
https://www.google.de/maps/dir/46.0599772,12.0802359/Parcheggio+Campo+da+Calcio/@46.0499146,12.1038527,14.56
We park the vehicle for a possible transfer (1.5 km, bicycle is sufficient) at Via Carve in a hamlet south of the village of Carve, see: https://goo.gl/maps/SYTX8xPZHXQ1Ph416
I describe the corresponding exit path as "Exit option 3"

Approach: (machine translated)
(with 2nd car 0min)
From the upper parking lot you reach the streambed and soon the 1st dam wall.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Maor is a unique aquatic hiking canyon in a vegetation-rich environment. There are 2 deep parts separated by a mostly dry streambed. In these parts there are 1000-fold layered rock slabs. In which the water has created labyrinthine passages. Surefootedness is required as in some twisted places the daylight only reaches the ground very sparingly (however, an artificial light source can normally be dispensed with). At the entry point after the 1st dam wall, which is left downclimbed via fixed ropes, the first parts of the route are cut in shortly. Then you walk for some time in the open streambed until you reach a 2nd dam wall where you rappel left from a tree for about 10m. There is a short open walking and descending section before continuing into the 2nd longer incised gorge section. The entry/descent into the 2nd section starts with a small step and a jump into a nice deep pool, then continues through slightly sloping watery corridors. At the end of the 2nd part, where you come across red boulders, the canyon opens up again. Here you come to a heart-shaped. Siphon that can be easily climbed around. This is followed by a walking passage interspersed with rocks, some of which are downclimbed or bypassed. After a longer section of walking, you come to a stream/inflow from the left, which you follow upstream over a few small steps to an old dam wall with water drainage. There is a good climb on the right-hand side. You will soon reach the road bridge and parking lot (approx. 350m).

Return: (machine translated)
Exit option 1: Before the bridge, climb to the left out of the stream to the road and on the road until in the hairpin bend to the left a well-maintained hiking trail branches off. Follow this trail until you reach the parking lot at Castello.

Exit option 2: After the siphon and a short walking passages you will come to large red conspicuous boulders. Here you will find a yellow marking on the tree on the left (340Hm). Follow the mark on the left out of the canyon. First steeply up over forest embankment to a wire rope. Then straight ahead (do not follow the path to the right!) across the open area to the small group of houses on the gravel road (for this variant it is best to park the 2nd car in front of the houses to the left on the gravel road).

Exit option 3: We come to the conspicuous red boulder (see exit option 2) with red arrows to the right and left. Past this boulder another 50m or so downstream we see relatively clear footprints on the right bank leading up the bank at an acute angle to the right (Aug. 2023 cairn on the right in the streambed), see also photos. We follow the trail, which is clearly marked by cairns at each of the alternative options. This path is also marked on the open street map. In relation to the exit options 1 and 2 we come here relatively comfortable (in relation to variant 1) or relatively fast (in relation to variant 2) to the top. In addition, the implementation distance of 1.5 km is very short.

Coordinates:
Parking at Exit 46.0341 12.0915
Canyon Start 46.0301 12.1011
Parking at Entry 46.0299 12.1009
Parking at Exit 46.0344 12.0777
Canyon End 46.0385 12.0806
Parking at Exit 46.0376 12.0983

Reports:

2026-09-27 | Giovanni A | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
An easy and accessible canyon for everyone. Beautiful enclosed gorges and a couple of really nice abseils that can be done using fixed ropes (though you'll need to scramble a bit between the walls). The narrow gorges don't let much light through, so it might get cold at certain times of the year. Anchor points are fine throughout; the only abseil is equipped on both sides. The final section is a bit slow-going, with several boulders to climb over. We exited at a different point than those described, near some wooden steps (see photo). The trail led to Zumelle Castle, but it's currently unused, and on the last stretch we were forced to head into the woods. The canyon can be completed in a couple of hours by two people. (machine translated)

2026-08-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maor Enchaîné après Soffia, qui est en debit correct et équipement Ok, pour Maor petit filet, mais l'encaissement est dingue, c'est presque une rando aqua mais vraiment c'est a faire (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22062/observations.html)

2026-08-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maor Débit entre correct et petit filet d'eau, vasques claires et propres. L'écoulement se perd entre les 2 encaissements. Eau fraîche surtout dans l'amont, on cherche parfois à éviter les vasques !Une splendide randonnée aquatique, notamment dans le second encaissement, parmi les plus beaux que j'ai eu la chance de parcourir.Photos sur https://deprovenceetdailleurs.net/2026/08/maor-majeur.html (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22062/observations.html)

2026-07-28 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful, as always. (machine translated)

2026-07-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maor Beautiful canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22062/observations.html)

2026-07-13 | Zuriza11 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Amazing lasagna (machine translated)

2026-06-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maor Canyon absolument MAJEUR d'un point de vue esthétique et géologique... Eau claire et fraîche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22062/observations.html)

2026-05-23 | Edward | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All right. (machine translated)

2026-04-25 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Done 1-2-3-4 + affluent. Exited at the Castello. Added the missing anchor in the superiore to take out the exposed downclimbing and another in the tributary to avoid rusty old 8mm. Cold this time of year. Everybody loved it. Though a bit long for some.

2025-09-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maor Crue après de fortes pluies (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22062/observations.html)

2025-08-29 | Daniel Gilbert | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Crazy | 👍 Completed
We descended the canyon the day after around 60mm of rain. So much fun!! We spent almost the entire descent floating down the canyon like a lazy river. The water levels were very high but ever obstacle (log jams, recirculations, undercuts) could be avoided by climbing or bridging over. A great day out when other canyons were too wet!

2025-08-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Maor Agradable paseo por unos rincones mágicos.todo correcto (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-