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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Carnia		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 IV	**Total time:** 2h20
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 420m	**Altitude exit:** 270m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 300m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 8.83km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (59)	**Info:** ★ 2.9 (51)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (56)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50m/1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short, but versatile canyon with a piece of dark gorge, washed out rock, some possible jumps and easy switchbacks.
Highly recommended beautiful lime canyon; rappel mostly in the watercourse; exposed belays; rappel points not always visible; clean water; beautifully polished limestone; 2 variants possible; be sure to check the water level at the last rappel point before the tour; from noon you have the most light in the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from Carnia, take the SS13 in the direction of Tarvisio.
About 1,5 km after the Hotel Carnia, at a left turn (km 172) and after the brown sign "Moggio Udinese" you will find on the right side a parking possibility at the exit of the canyon.
. You can shorten the access by taking a second car to Stavoli Ravorade. With the second car you go back towards Carnia (Udine). After the traffic junction at Carnia, cross a bridge with tracks underneath. Shortly after, you should turn left towards Tugliezzo, but this is not possible because of the barrier line, so you have to turn right towards Carnia. At the exit turn right and follow this road stopping on the left (goes under the SS13 road) at the crossroads go straight on towards Tugliezzo. An asphalted 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 bend to the right, passing a barrier and the bridge that crosses the Rio Lavarie. For the Rio Lavarie it is best to park the car after the bridge at the left gravel place. If you want to go the right tributary (Rio Barbar) of the Lavarie so you look a little further up just before another bridge, where there is a large boulder field (strong left bend), a parking possibility.

Approach: (machine translated)
At the barrier on the left side of the road begins the descending path which you follow to the streambed (old bridge wall)--> entry at approx. 450Hm.

If you want to get on foot, cross the Rio Lavarie on the cycle path. Immediately afterwards, follow the lush red color markings to a power pole (steep), then even steeper over footprints up the ridge until you stand in front of a rock face with a chain and step clamps. Climb up here and continue steeply to the ridge. Turn left on a fairly good path until it is overgrown, just before this turn diagonally left following the footpaths and cairns to the normal access path to Lavarie. 30-40min

Tour: (machine translated)
Arrived at the streambed, after a short walking passages you come to the first step that can be downclimbed on the left. After that, in a narrowing canyon, comes the 1st short rappel point followed by a not visible about 35m high rappel point which is best reached via a removable traverese rope left. After this rappel point, the mostly incised part of the canyon begins. Small twists, steps and a 5m rappel occur in this part. At the end of the 100m narrow section, the canyon opens again briefly. You come to a 5m step that can be rappelled or slid. Here you also meet the right tributary Rio Barbar. Continue with rappel in the water stream, first 15m left, then about 10m right. After that you have several possibilities to rappel. In case of strong water flow you should stretch a traverese rope across the chute to the hidden piton on the left side, then rappel outside the water flow for about 30m to the lower chain anchor on the right. From the chain anchor it goes without visual contact, either 25m to the right intermediate belaystation or a good 40m to a belaystation on the left with a traverese rope (! the traverese rope together with the bolthook is often destroyed by the water). The final rappel on the left has about 30m or on the right from the intermediate belaystation about 40m. After the final waterfall you walk a short distance along the streambed to a large rock step which you climb down on the right. After the 1st bridge the tour ends at about 270Hm.

Return: (machine translated)
Before the 2nd bridge you climb right out of the streambed. In a short time you will reach the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3835 13.1581
Parking at Entry 46.3819 13.1575
Parking at Exit 46.3869 13.1587
Canyon End 46.3855 13.1602

Reports:

2026-10-20 | Paula G | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
A very nice and well-bolted canyon. Amazing rappels in a beautiful gorge. Beautiful, clear water. I highly recommend doing this route; it also pairs well with the Supérieur. Be sure to follow the markings inside the cave. (machine translated)

2026-10-10 | Marcus chew | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Very pretty cave at the end. From memory there used to be a chain that held the rope around the corner so rope didn't slice on the edge but seems to not be there anymore. Or maybe it never had one and I spider. But abseiling points all in good condition none the less

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2026-10-05 | Philipp | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We only did the lower section; it took two of us 2 hours by car. The access was short but steep; at the last waterfall, there were two glued anchors on the left side of the wall, about 2 meters before the ledge. (machine translated)

2026-09-06 | Christian Kruscha | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We did both—parked the car at the bottom and then made it to the entry of the Rio Lavarie Superior in under an hour. At the Rio Lavarie, be sure to take the orographically right descent route at the last waterfall; we started on the left, but something seemed to be missing there (or rather, we couldn’t figure out how to clip in there, so we climbed back up 5 meters and then took the other side). (machine translated)

2026-09-06 | Florian Heufler | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We did the Integral route today (superiore and inferiore); the upper section is worth doing in combination with the lower section. The lower section was great as always—jumps and slides galore. We drove up; it took us 2 hours and 20 minutes to get from the lower parking lot to the top in a car with three people. (machine translated)

2026-09-01 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
A beautiful canyon. A wide selection of anchors—something for every water level. (machine translated)

2026-08-10 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Lavarie Approche depuis le bas par un chemin balisé à droite du pontBeau canyon, fait à deux. Les deux toboggans passent ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2688/observations.html)

2026-08-09 | Ivan I. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Given the theft warnings at the official parking lot, we parked at the Hotel Carnia and walked up from the road. The road is open to traffic, though narrow, so the “road closed” notice on OpenCanyon is likely outdated. Obviously, walking up from the road and returning on foot along the bike path takes longer than described. Kudos to the rock climbers and those who placed the holds. A very beautiful gorge—TOP! (machine translated)

2026-08-08 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
It was so nice that we did it again. Everything was perfect. (machine translated)

2026-08-05 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's great. Be careful of car break-ins. Since some of our group stayed with the car, they noticed after about 30 minutes that a white car drove by and was checking out the area. It's just a guess... (machine translated)

2026-07-31 | Maša | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
A very beautiful canyon of just the right length, with virtually no access unless you have two cars. It’s quite enclosed, so it gets cold quickly, and a thicker wetsuit is recommended. (machine translated)

2026-07-31 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's great; there's really not much water right now. (machine translated)

2026-07-06 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's great (machine translated)

2026-07-05 | Thomas C | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything ok (machine translated)

Parts:
Rio Barbar, v3 a2 III, 20min+1h+
Rio Lavarie superior, v4 a3 III, 15min+1h15+5min
Rio Lavarie, v5 a3 IV, 10min+2h+10min