

Torrente Leale

Leale

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Udine Town: Gemona		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a4 IV	Total time: 3h50
Approachtime: 45min	Tourtime: 3h	Returntime: 5min
Altitude entry: 310m	Altitude exit: 200m	Delta Altitude: 110m
Canyon length: 200m	Highest rapell: 22m	Amount rapells: 10
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.3 (11)	Info: ★ 2.7 (6)	Belay: ★ 2.8 (9)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) Aquatic, cold, technically demanding canyon; safe rappel in the water and bypassing a strong water jet must definitely be skilled. The Leale is fed by an underground lake and several chambers, in years with long snowy winters, a walk is usually excluded because from the reservoirs too much water enters the canyon; large catchment area, at higher water levels very dangerous; Recommendation-> small groups; possible emergency exit left before the 2.narrow point at the tributary Riu dal Boschet, some beautiful washouts and narrow points; . The water level can be well estimated at the ford before the parking lot. The water should wash over a maximum of 1/3 of the ford. In the reference picture, the canyon can be done by experienced canyoneers without any problems. Another indicator of the water level is the dam wall. When the water comes out of the outlets, which is about 3m above the pool, you definitely better not get in. Certainly one of the jewels in Friuli for aquatic fans.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Tolmezzo, take the S512 main road towards Cavazzo --> continue past the lake --> after the lake, turn right towards Alesso -->from Alesso, continue towards Avasinis --> after crossing Torrente Leale, turn right at the first opportunity --> the dirt road leads to the stream where you can check the water level. The water should not walk more than 1/3 of the width and not more than 2-3cm (in height) over the shoring(see photo for estimation, at this water level the canyon is aquatic but doable without problems) After the water level check you cross the creek --> at the exit of the gravel road you park the car at the edge of the forest. (N46.299787, E13.041642)		

Approach: (machine translated)

approx. 45min

From the parking lot, follow the clearly visible path to the weir. About 50m before the dam you go through the Leale and thus change to the or. right side. Here you can immediately see the clearly visible tracks that lead up to the ortographic right. Follow the path up to the dam wall. Then follow the Leale upstream for about 5 minutes until you reach the canyon exit.

Here begins a well-trodden path or. left, which leads steeply upwards at first. Follow the path ortographic left up the Leale for about 25 min and then you come directly to the streambed of the Leale.

Once in the streambed, continue upstream along the pools bored deep into the rock until the Riu dal Boschet enters the Leale on the orographic left. Here you change back to the or. right side and continue upstream until you see climbing tracks that lead uphill. Follow the path, which is partly marked with blue and white markings and is mostly slippery, steeply uphill. Always keep to the right in the direction of Leale, as paths branch off to the left here that do not lead to the entry. After about another 10-15 min the path branches off to the right down to the streambed. If you follow the path, you will reach the streambed after about 50m, where you have to rope down from a tree (not recommended).

Tour: (machine translated)

3h

Arrived in the streambed, you immediately see a dark turquoise pool drilled into the stone. This is the first 3m jump, where you come into contact with the quite fresh water of the Leale. Attention if you are not jumping but downclimbing. There is a siphon above the jump, from which you definitely cannot get out and which is only visible from above if you look closely. If you jump into the leale, you don't need to worry about the siphon, because the pool is exactly the exit from the siphon.

Another 1m step follows, which can be jumped very carefully with ass bomb - because of stones in pools, as well as another jump into the pool. One comes to the first rappel (SOS10) which is located orographic left at the top. This place is already the first challenge, because at the bottom you have to jump into the often very strong water jet, which ends in a turbulent pool. Attention: there are also stones in the pool. It is best to try to abseil behind the water jet and then to avoid the water jet on the left or right.

The SOS10 rappel point can be seen from the entry. If you have the feeling that there is a lot of water in the canyon already at the entry, it is recommended that at least one person waits at the entry to set up a rope for an emergency ascent.

A nice swimming passage follows, leading to a rappel or 8m jump. And already the upper part - but absolutely worthwhile - is over. You follow the Leale again for 200m and pass the mouth of the Rio dal Boschet.

If you have already had problems with the water in the upper part, or a group member has been overwhelmed, you should leave here or left again the canyon, where you came before at the access to the streambed! The lower part has rappels that must be done in the water, is heavily cut and has no emergency exits and areas where you can get away from the water to safety.

The lower part starts with a 6m rappel and after a short climbing and swimming passage the canyon narrows. You come to the 18m rappel, which is mandatory to do in the water. The rappel cannot be seen from the belay station. After a small swim, you come to a small step (SOS 6), which can also be downclimbed. After that follows one of the most spectacular places in the Leale. The abseil SOS5 is located or. left very far exposed and can be reached only climbing on slippery rock. There are some glued anchors that should be used to set up a rope traverse. Once you have reached the rappel, you continue with what is probably the most spectacular rappel. The water rushes through a very narrow channel and you have to manage with some rappel skill to get out or. left at the step to continue rappelling from the step. For this you can use some stones as handholds to get out. The place is challenging because if you lose your balance here, you will get directly into the bundled water jet, which you don't want to get into!

After a small swimming spot you come to a rock ramp, where with some searching you find the 2 glued anchors to set up the rope traverse. After setting up the rope traverse to the 6m rappel point (SOS4) there is a narrow water channel, which you have to downclimb by spreading out. After a short swim you come to the abseil point (SOS3), which can be completed dry. If there is not too much water here, you can also go directly to the edge where the water rushes down and jump into the pool.

The next rappel point is located or. right very far up. A glued anchor helps here to climb up.

Already you come to the last rappel point, which is located at a large clamping block. If there is little water in the canyon, you can go to the chain anchor (orthographic left), which is located directly at the clamping block.

Attention: here you will necessarily come into the massive water jet!

If there is more water, you should go under the clamping block and use the chain anchor with the SOS1 badge.

This is a little bit exposed, but you will get into the water jet further down and you can avoid it by spreading out.

Once you are in the pool, the last part of the swim is through a wonderful dark narrow section.

Once you are out of the swim section, the canyon opens and you are exactly at the place where you went steeply uphill during the access orthographic left. As with the access, follow the leale for about 5 min until you are back at the dam wall, which can also be jumped with a spirited jump.

Return: (machine translated)

approx. 5min

Just follow the path to the parking lot as for the access.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.2962 13.0241](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.2997 13.0420](#)

Canyon End [46.3006 13.0350](#)

Reports:

2025-03-04 | Rick Paapy | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Everything tip topi One down climb would be awkward with high water, because anchor is not there anymore. If you walking up follow the canyon you enter the canyon not at the start missing 1 or 2 waterfalls.

2025-02-23 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★★★👉 | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Everything tip top. We removed a few branches on the access and added a fixed rope for the descent to the upper start. (machine translated)

2024-09-22 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★★★👉 | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Walked the stream including the upper part. We added a fixed rope on the way down to the upper entry. After the upper part we still have the last 3 jumps from Rio Amula. For this you go up about 30 meters ortographic right from Rio Amula. Then on to the lower part of the Leale. Very nice, all stands tip top (machine translated)

2024-09-01 | Marosffy Dániel | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 🪚★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Access to the usual parking lot is possible but not obvious, due to damage of the gravel road at the last 100m. If you are worried about your car, park before the ford. Today the ford was completely dry (picture 1), but that did not mean that the canyon was too. I'd call it the lower end of normal. More optical than practical threat, but the water was definitely there (picture 2 at the bottom of the crux - rappel No. 5). Some technical help at the awkward downclimb after No. 4 (picture 3) would be great.

2024-08-12 | Jason Walker | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

The causeway/ford gauge is quite misleading currently. Today it was well and truly dry, and not even close to water flowing over it, and I'd call it the high end of low. Maybe even a low-medium. All anchors super nice. Many times a handrail is a safe idea (and the anchors are provided for it). A few jumps to be had too! Looking at the post (with pictures of the crux) below - we had similar levels today.

2024-08-04 | System User | | 📖 | 🪚 | 🌊 High | 🍏 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Leale (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23460/observations.html>)

2024-07-16 | Klara Skopal | | 📖 | 🪚 | 🌊 High | 🚫 Not done

Ford flooded across almost the entire width (machine translated)

2024-07-15 | Klara Skopal | | 📖 | 🪚 | 🌊 High | 🚫 Not done

Unfortunately, access to the parking lot is no longer quite possible, as the path about 100m in front of it has broken away/washed away and there is now a step over half a meter in it. Unfortunately, after last week's rainfall, the ford was flooded almost across its entire width, the middle two stones lying in the water were completely under water, and there was also water in the upper hole at the dam wall, so unfortunately we didn't walk it at all. The only thing we could tell from the bottom (unfortunately we can't upload pictures at the moment) was that there was a lot of gravel in it. and the riverbed above the dam looks completely different. (machine translated)

2023-09-02 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Alles tip top

2023-08-22 | Klara Skopal | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Chain stands all in perfect condition, Water level rather low, no problematic spots, water level at indicator point down by access road see picture. At the dam only water flow through the lowest stage. (machine translated)

2023-05-21 | Max H. | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🚫 Not done

Our group turned around at the dam (see picture). The other group then tried it and Alex has thankfully posted info on the key spot (see photos). (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚 | |

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Ort, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/TorrenteLealeCanyon.html> und <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/23460>

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚 | |