

# Val Vielia IV

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<b>Country:</b> Italia / Italy <b>Region:</b> Friuli Venezia Giulia <b>Subregion:</b> Pordenone <b>Town:</b> Tramonti di Sopra		
<b>Difficulty:</b> difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v3 a5 V	<b>Total time:</b> 4h20
<b>Approachtime:</b> 45min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 3h30	<b>Returntime:</b> 5min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 660m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 470m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 190m
<b>Canyon length:</b> m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 25m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 19
<b>Transport:</b> Car required	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>drainage area:</b> km²
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b>	<b>Best Time:</b>
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 5 (2)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 3 (1)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 3 (1)
<b>Specialities:</b>		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x30		
<b>Summary:</b> (machine translated) The 4th part of the Vielia is certainly the most demanding canyoning technically, since by the massive inflow shortly at the exit of part 3 the water flow is large and at the same time the canyon is quite narrow in some places. In addition, if you have already done Part I-III before, you will have spent at least 8 hours (including access) at the time of the entry into Part IV and still have at least 3.5 strenuous hours ahead of you in the cold water and also a long horizontal stretch overall. You must be aware that if you enter the part IV, this must also be able to pull through, because you can shorten at most the last 30min walking and swimming passages and otherwise can not leave the canyon.  Dangerous place with serious risk of accident! A completely unspectacular pool - like 100th before - with white water. It tempts to jump or slide. Important: It is not allowed to jump or slide! What you don't see is that there is a rock 10cm below the white water, which, if you slide in, will trap your leg. Therefore, at this point a anchor was set - at the time of our ascent with fixed ropes - to point out to use here necessarily the anchor and not to jump into the pool to avoid a serious accident. Here already happened at least one serious accident with broken leg, which due to the difficult accessibility of the part IV in an involuntary overnight stay in the canyon with a broken leg.  Attention: No cell phone reception in the whole course of the canyon.  The Vielia I - IV is the longest and one of the most beautiful tours in Friuli. However, all 4 parts in one day can be done only in high summer, when there is enough daylight. In addition, if you want to do all 4 parts in one day, you should really be physically top fit. The access alone to part 1 with 5.5 km horizontal as the crow flies and 800 Hm in high summer is quite demanding. In addition, the 4th part of all is the most demanding with a lot of water contact, long swims and canyoning technical challenges.  The good thing about the Vielia is that you can combine different parts or do not have to do all 4 parts at once, because between the parts you always come back to the path 377 and can descend via it again. In sum, the Vielia is certainly one of the most beautiful canyons in Friuli, which makes every canyoning heart beat faster. However, it should not be underestimated, because in the sections themselves (except for part 1) there are very few escape routes and even in the event of an accident it is practically impossible to get out of the canyon.		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		

**Access:** (machine translated)

From the freeway exit Carnia/Tolmezzo follow the SS52 direction Forni di Sopra/Mauria Pass. After about 25 min and 23.3km turn left at km29 from the SS52 onto the SR552 towards Tramonti / Passo Rest. After 7km (about 10 min) on this road you enter the Tagliamento Valley. You continue on the SR552 over the Tagliamento bridge over the REST mountain pass for about 15km (25 min). Depending on where you want to get off in the Vielia IV part, there are different parking options for the shuttle car.

Option 1: If you want to leave the Vielia IV after the last rappel before the walk and swim section, you park the car at a gravel turnout near km21 VIII

Option 2: If you want to finish the last scenic stretch, park the shuttle car directly at the bridge over the Vielia at km 22 V.

With the rest of the vehicles, go from the bridge over the Vielia for about 1.5 km to km 24 I. It is possible to park here both to the left and to the right of the road and the marked path 377 starts directly from here.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

approx. 45min - 1h

The access to the Vielia is easy to find, because you always stay on the path 377 that goes through the Val Vielia. At the beginning of the path you make a few meters in altitude before you reach the Val Vielia after about 20-25 min. From there on, the path climbs gently through beech woods.

After about 40-45 min you will come close to the streambed of the Vielia for the first time. Here is the entry to part IV (approx. 660Hm).

Alternative access from the pass road:

near KM stone IV/17 you will find a small parking area, on the other side of the road begins a path between stone slag nets. Follow this path (clear route, cairns) until you reach a small saddle, then keep descending until you reach the ruins of Stalle Velleai. The path is usually easy to see, only in the area of wind breaks there are orientation problems, but if you keep slightly to the right in the descent you should always find the path again. In the area of Stalle Vellai briefly pathless left past the only house still standing until a path forms again that leads down to Vielia.

Attention: Vielia IV is very often combined with parts II and III. In any case, it pays to do at least part III, since you reach it in another 30 min ascent and are about 1:15-1:30 in the canyon. Part III is one of the most beautiful canyon passages in Friuli. Description see canyoning database "Vielia I-III".

**Tour:** (machine translated)

approx. 3-4h

The 4th part begins with about 10 minutes of walking passages in the open streambed, before you get to the first place. During the walking passages the water level doesn't seem so high, but at the latest during the first rappel you can see that the Vielia has almost tripled compared to the entry of part III!

After the first rappel and a small jump, you come to a shallow slide into a deep green pool, which can also be rappelled down if necessary. From here on the canyon narrows. After a 3m jump and a 130m M+E+Swim you come to an 18m rappel. Here you first rappel directly into the strong water. Here you have to be careful not to get carried away by the water, but to bypass it and continue rappelling on the rocky ledge or. orthographic right.

Another narrow rappel follows, necessarily in the water - partly the water can be bypassed by spreading out between the walls -, which leads or. right to an intermediate position, from where you can rappel into the deep pool, right next to the waterfall.

Another abseil and swimming passages follow, before rappelling 8m into a small cave, which can then be downclimbed on the left. This is followed by 70m of M+E+swim and a 2m jump into a deep pool. You climb down about 10m and then you are in front of the probably most treacherous spot in part IV.

see Dangerous place at special features

After this point the canyon opens again a bit and you have a 250m long M+E+Swim in front of you. This ends with a rappel from a large boulder followed by another 10m rappel until after another 70m you reach several large boulders in the middle of the gorge. From here you can either rappel 20m, or rappel onto the lower boulder from which you can jump 10m into the turquoise pool below.

From now on the Vielia 4 narrows again. After several small rappels and a jump, you come to a cave-like area with a large clamping block in the middle. Around the clamping block there are usually always rope loops, from which you can use for self-securing. To get to the anchor, you have to pass the clamping block in the waterway and the anchor is on the clamping block. At this point, you are forced to rappel directly in the water and especially when you arrive from the rappel, you will feel the bundled water pressure.

Another longer M+E+swim follows, which is interrupted by a water inflow from the left.

Now you come to a rappel C6 or. right from which you rappel into a pool with a large clamping block. After climbing up the clamping block, a 6m jump into a cave-like passage follows. This passage ends with a 7m rappel into a gorgeous turquoise pool, with another inflow from the left and a 100m swim in the cold water. After this swimming section the canyon opens again visibly and one comes after a small walking passage to a rock chaos. The rock chaos has to be climbed or. left and one comes to the highest rappel of the Vielia IV passage. After another M+E follows the last rappel of the tour from the tree into the pool, which can also be downclimbed if one continues or. right.

If you want to save the last kilometers in the quite beautiful surroundings, but only with 2 jumps, you can now leave the canyon or. left at a small water inlet (which can also be dried up in summer). The place is about 40-50m after the last rappel point. Attention, if you plan to leave the canyon here, you should park the shuttle car at option 1 (see approach). Here you go pathless 40m through undergrowth before you meet the road.

If you don't leave the canyons here, you will have to walk for a longer time in the water (about (approx. 400 m), which leads into the last gorge of the Vielia Canyon. Attention: In the gorge, depending on the water level, there are still some water problems (a baffle and a syphon). After a last jump, swim directly under the bridge of SR552.

**Return:** (machine translated)

0-10min

If you walk the canyon to the exit, it is best to stay in the streambed until about 150m after the bridge and then walk comfortably or. left out of the canyon, where you can walk directly on trail 829 back to the bridge. (Option 2 see approach).

If you leave the canyon before the last passage (option 1 see approach), then you have to go trail-less about 40-50 Hm through the undergrowth partly steeper uphill before you meet the road and the parking lot.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.3371 12.7815](#)

Canyon End [46.3317 12.8022](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.3218 12.7954](#)

Parking at Entry [46.3431 12.7926](#)

**Reports:**

2024-08-15 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed  
Have added missing anchors. The canyon was very beautiful, but slippery. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | |  
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**Parts:**

Val Vielä I-III, v4 a4 IV, 2h30+5h30+40min

Val Vielä IV, v3 a5 V, 45min+3h30+5min