

Rio Storto

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Udine Town: Sauris		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a3 III	Total time: 2h30
Approachtime: 0min	Tourtime: 2h30	Returntime: 0min
Altitude entry: 1100m	Altitude exit: 980m	Delta Altitude: 120m
Canyon length: 1000m	Highest rapell: 20m	Amount rapells: 7
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.6 (4)	Info: ★ 2 (2)	Belay: ★ 1.5 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x30		
Summary: (machine translated) Nice narrow canyon with clear water. Unfortunately, at the time of our walk with some wood inside (especially in the upper part). Very nice narrow passages with a gorgeous mouth into the turquoise-blue Sauris reservoir. Must be done only in stable weather, as there is only one escape point in the middle of the canyon and some of the narrows are only one meter wide. Quite worthwhile.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Tolmezzo you drive about 22km (20min) to Ampezzo. Directly in Ampezzo turn right in the direction of Sauris. Follow the winding road, which leads through a few narrow tunnels, for another 10km (approx. 15min) until you arrive directly at the Sauris dam. Here you turn left and drive over the dam wall of the Sauris dam. Immediately after the dam wall you enter a very narrow tunnel (be careful with oncoming traffic there is practically no way out). From the entrance to the tunnel, drive through the tunnel for another 1.2 km and continue on the road. At the first 180° bend, turn right onto the gravel road. Follow the dirt road for about 200m until you reach a bridge that leads directly over the Rio Storto, where it flows into the Sauris reservoir. After the bridge you can park all your cars on the right side except for the ones you need for the shuttles. At the bridge you should also check the water level of the Rio Storto. The canyon is very narrow over long parts and offers only few escape possibilities. Enter only in stable weather. (Coordinates: N 46.442402, E 012.725270) To get to the entry from the lower parking lot, drive back 200m to the road and turn right up the slope. On this road, immediately after leaving the gravel road, there are 3 serpentines followed by a longer straight. After almost exactly 2km (before the next switchbacks begin!) a forest road leads in on the right (with a no driving sign that no one cares about). Here you turn off and drive about 200m on the forest road over the first concrete ford over the Rio Plan Pizzul and directly after that you will find a large wooden parking area on the left side where you can park perfectly. (Coordinates: N 46.432698, E 012.724778)		
Approach: (machine translated) 0 min Directly from the upper parking lot, follow the forest road for a few meters. At the next concrete ford that crosses the Rio Storto you can enter it.		

Tour: (machine translated)

about 2,5h

You walk in the open streambed for about 300m until you come to the first gentle break. Here you either climb down carefully or use the tree behind you as anchor (15m).

After another small walking passages of a small slide and a shallow 15m rappel in a narrow chute, the canyon narrows more and more. If you already have problems with the water during this rappel, you should turn around here and stop the tour! Once you have passed this point, you have for a long time no possibility to get out of the canyon well and several narrow places follow.

In this very nice narrow passage follow some small swimming sections, downclimb, jumps and slides.

Unfortunately, there was some wood in this passage during our ascent, which slightly spoiled the pleasure. The narrow passage ends with the highest rappel of the canyon (19m) and it follows a small walking passages with block chaos that must be rappelled. Here could be probably the only escape in the canyon, as the next narrow passage leads to the canyons exit.

The further narrow passage of the canyon can be started either with a small slide or, if you climb up or left a bit, also as a 4m jump. In this narrow passage you will find more smaller slides, jumps, smaller swimming sections, as well as 2 smaller rappels. After an inlet ortographic left follows another shallow 15m rappel, as well as a small jump. A narrower streambed follows, lined by high walls, in which one walks about 70m, before one comes to the last rappel at a wooden weir in the canyon. After that there are 60m of walking, climbing and smaller swimming passages before arriving under the bridge at the mouth of the Rio Storto in the Sauris reservoir.

Return: (machine translated)

You swim in the Sauris reservoir for about 40m and then walk on the ortographic left. Bank up the embankment to the parking lot where the cars are.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.4331 12.7240](#)

Parking at Exit [46.4428 12.7250](#)

Parking at Entry [46.4342 12.7262](#)

Canyon End [46.4423 12.7254](#)

Reports:

2024-08-27 | Montie | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 🪚★★ | 🌊 Low | 👍 Completed

I don't quite understand the car shuttle option. Perhaps if you are staying in Sauris, otherwise the drive over with 2 cars is so much more effort, and costs so much more than just walking up (we walked up on the road, which is not busy at all, took us 30 min at a slow pace). Canyon has an open-narrow-open-narrow pattern. The second narrow part is longer and more beautiful. At the "high" rappel in the first narrow part, do NOT tread on the right side (I was looking for an anchor on the big block on the right at which point a part of the floor gave way and plummeted down, almost taking me with it). There are only some loose rocks covering a large hole. They will not hold you! Better anchor point needed at this rappel. Otherwise the amount of trees in the canyon was not that bad. Never seen so many frogs in my life though, literally thousands upon thousands. Some pools were absolutely filled with (tiny) frogs. All in all a great canyon which could use a bit of work.

2023-07-18 | Jak87 | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 🪚★ | 🌊 Normal | 👍 Completed

Many logs present (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/RioStortoCanyon.html> und <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/23820>

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

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