

# Rio Storto

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<b>Country:</b> Italia / Italy <b>Region:</b> Friuli Venezia Giulia <b>Subregion:</b> Udine <b>Town:</b> Sauris		
<b>Difficulty:</b> not as difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v3 a3 III	<b>Total time:</b> 2h30
<b>Approachtime:</b> 0min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 2h30	<b>Returntime:</b> 0min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 1100m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 980m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 120m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 1000m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 20m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 7
<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> ★ 3.6 (4)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 2 (2)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 1.5 (2)
<b>Specialities:</b>		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x30		
<b>Summary:</b> (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.		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		
<b>Access:</b> (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)		
<b>Approach:</b> (machine translated) Follow the forest path for a few meters directly at the upper parking lot. At the next concrete ford, which leads over the Rio Storto, you can enter it.		

**Tour:** (machine translated)

Walk along the open streambed for about 300m until you reach the first gentle drop-off. Here you either climb down carefully or use the tree behind you as an anchor (15 m).

After another short walking passages, a small slide and a shallow 15m rappel in a narrow chute, the canyon narrows noticeably. If you already have problems with the water at this rappel, you should turn around here and abort the tour! Once you have passed this point, there is no way out of the canyon for a long time and several narrow sections follow.

This very beautiful narrow passage is followed by some small downclimbs, jumps and slides. Unfortunately, there was a lot of wood in this passage during our ascent, which slightly spoiled the fun. The narrow passage exits with the highest rappel in the canyon (19m) and is followed by a small walking passages with a chaos of blocks that need to be downclimbed. This is probably the only escape route in the canyon, as the next narrow passage leads to the canyon exit.

The rest of the narrow gorge can be started either with a small slide or, if you climb up a little on the left, as a 4m jump. In this narrow passage you will find further smaller slides, jumps, smaller swimming sections, as well as 2 smaller rappels. After an approach on the ortographic left, there is another shallow 15m rappel and a small jump. This is followed by a narrower streambed lined by high walls in which you walk for approx. 70m before you come to the last rappel at a wooden weir in the canyon. This is followed by approx. 60m of walking, climbing and smaller swimming passages before arriving under the bridge at the mouth of the Rio Storto into 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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