Rio Ronchiai-Pissanda

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Udine
Town: Arta Terme

Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 II	**Total time:** 4h45
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 900m	**Altitude exit:** 690m	**Delta Altitude:** 210m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Unattractive forest canyon with a multi-level 85m high final waterfall visible from the road.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Parking exit: From Tolmezzo, take the SS 52bis in the direction of "Passo di Monte Croce Carnico - Paluzza". After passing the village of Paluzza, continue for about two kilometers and park in a small parking bay on the left. The final waterfall is visible from here.
Parking entry: Continue towards Paluzza and turn left towards Noiaris immediately after the first right-hand bend. Once you reach the village square, turn left into Via Ramajor and follow it until you see a sign prohibiting passage. Park your car near a house.

Approach: (machine translated)
Climb briefly up the forest road, then follow the red and white markings of hiking trail CAI no. 159 to the left. Follow the hiking trail (initially a new forest road) up to altitude 1030, then ascend on an indistinct path to the ruins of Stavolo Ronchiai. Here either descend into the forest canyon (2? rappels, lots of downclimbing) or follow the canyon rim down to a level before the terrain finally becomes steep and rocky (N 48°4860276, E 12° 98902). Here rappel 2x from trees (30m & 25m), you will end up above the last 8m waterfall in Rio Ronchiai

Tour: (machine translated)
Belays are Multimonti bolts with chain links unless otherwise specified.
3m downclimb
C 8m right
Confluence with the Rio Pissanda
Several small downclimbs
C 6m from tree on the right
C 20m left (difficult to pull off)
downclimb
C 30m from tree on the left (rappel over the pool)
downclimb until you are in front of a high waterfall
C 35m from new long rope sling with chain link around trees on the left
C 50m from a new ring bolt and 2 multimonti bolts

Return: (machine translated)
After the last waterfall, continue across the riverbed and then through the forest on the left bank until you reach an overgrown forest road, descend along the forest road to the riverbed of the But. Here you should look for the best place to ford the river. As soon as you reach the opposite bank, you reach the main road and your car.

Coordinates:
Parking at Exit 46.4892 13.0028
Parking at Entry 46.4977 12.9919
Canyon Start 46.4858 12.9882
Canyon End 46.4869 12.9924

Reports:

2026-03-21 | Horst Lambauer | | | | Normal | Completed
A once-in-a-lifetime ditch. The highest rappel is 50m high. Stupid access because relatively far up and then down again through the forest without a route. (machine translated)