Val Zemola

Val Zemola,Torrente Zemola

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Erto e Casso		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v4 a5 IV	**Total time:** 3h25
Approachtime: 25min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 850m	**Altitude exit:** 680m	**Delta Altitude:** 170m
Canyon length: 2000m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (36)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (27)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (32)

Warnings:

Capricorn above SOS15

Be careful when descending the via ferrata at SOS 15. There is a large boulder above that could potentially fall. Pass through this section quickly and continue up the via ferrata on the other side to the entry at SOS 16. If you plan to start at SOS 15, make sure you’re not directly in the fall line!

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)

A very beautiful, highly recommended aquatic canyon; short rappels in fast-flowing water; exposed belay stations; turbulent pools; a narrow section with little light; a large watershed; no exit points for long stretches. Bolted by ProCanyon.

Hydrology: (machine translated)

Cold and abundant source water. A large watershed that may contain rocks carried by floods

Access: (machine translated)

From Tolmezzo take the SS512 in the direction of Gemona-Udine (alternatively, take the A23 freeway in the direction of Udine and exit at Gemona-Osoppo) --> pass the lake (Lago di Cavazzo) --> follow the road --> turn right towards Forgaria --> after approx. 100m turn left towards Peonis --> in Peonis keep left towards Forgaria (road SP41) --> at Forgaria keep left towards Flagogna (road SP22) --> at the fork in the road without signs go straight on --> turn right towards Pinzano (road SP1)-->long over the bridge --> after the bridge turn left onto the SP1 --> then turn right towards Maniago onto the SS454 --> from Maniago turn right onto the SS454 --> from Maniago turn right onto the SS454 --> from Maniago turn right onto the SS454>from Maniago take the SS251 in the main direction of Langorone (this road runs along the beautiful Torrente Celina) --> from the village of Cimolais the road goes uphill to Erto --> just after entering the village cross Valle Zemola (in the bend on the left) --> on the right by the small chapel there is a small parking area. 50m further on the left opposite the fountain.

Approach: (machine translated)

There is a small chapel right by the bridge that crosses the Zemola. Behind the chapel, a narrow path leads briefly up and then directly next to the canyon (secured with a steel cable), without any great difference in altitude, to a concrete wall. From here, a short downclimb takes you to the stream/entrance to the lower section at approx. 810m. For the upper entry, stay on the path for another 10-15 minutes. At the end, the path leads over a small bridge to the other side and shortly afterwards descends over stirrups into a stone gully and up again on the other side. Then descend into the streambed, this is the entry point for the upper section (860 m)

Tour: (machine translated)
Without a long way to go, we start right away with a rappel from a large block. The water level should definitely be checked before the tour, as the already turbulent pools can form very strong currents/backwaters. The belays are very well positioned. However, rappels in the water are unavoidable. Some exposed belays can be reached via traverese ropes. At lunchtime, most of the sun reaches the very beautiful, narrowly incised middle section. A short part at the end of the narrow part is almost completely dark (bring a lamp if necessary). After this dark part, the canyon opens up again. This is followed by a very beautiful section with a washed-out rock arch through which the water flows. The chain anchor is in the middle at the back of the rock arch. The rappel leads into a large pool with a strong current. After this point there are 3 more spectacular abseils in beautiful surroundings. Rope traverses to be built help to get safely to the belays and over the abseils. At the end, where the canyon opens up visibly, the rock turns red. After a short stretch in the stream, you will find a blue dot on a rock right marking the exit at approx. 670m.

Return: (machine translated)
From the marker, go steeply uphill on the right along the narrow gravel road. With a rapid gain in altitude, it goes into the wooded part before returning to the road / parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2895 12.3713
Alternative Canyon Start 46.2853 12.3749
Parking at Entry 46.2894 12.3688
Parking at Exit 46.2819 12.3758
Canyon End 46.2773 12.3788

Reports:

2026-09-20 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Completed as part of the Carinthian Canyoning Guides Association’s training program. Currently low water levels at Zemola. Anchor points are okay. Be careful when descending the via ferrata at SOS 15. There is a large boulder above that could potentially fall. Pass this section quickly and continue up the via ferrata on the other side to the entry at SOS 16. (machine translated)

2026-09-06 | Nicola | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The stream is as beautiful and charming as ever, though unfortunately there’s not much water. There’s a decomposing carcass of a small ungulate at the start of the Ferratina on descent 15. (machine translated)

2026-08-29 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Percorso in 3 ore. Pozze piene di ghiaia. Solo due tuffi ed un toboga. Armi ottimi. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html)

2026-08-29 | Candrea86 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
The stream took 3 hours to hike. Good water flow. Pools full of gravel. Only two spots suitable for diving and one slide. Excellent rock formations. (machine translated)

2026-08-14 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola DC, Fait en 3h Voiture-voiture à 7 avec les gonzesses le matin avec un rythme normal, fait entre couilles l'après midi a 3 en 1h30 voiture-voiture :- 13 min d'approche - 50 min de descente- 10 min de retour Magnifique encaissement très étroit, sombre l'après midi, quelques jeux de lumières le matin, après avoir descendu les échelles ça sert a rien de continuer vous pouvez entamer la descente (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html)

2026-07-25 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | High | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola DC++, ne posant aucun problème. Retour dans ce canyon en conditions "normales". Superbe et malheureusement trop court, dommage qu'il y a pied dans toutes les vasques. Équipement béton. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html)

2026-07-24 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A landslide that occurred after the small bridge changed the topography of the canyon. Currently, rope descent No. 10 follows rope descent No. 13. The stream now flows beneath the debris. It’s possible to cross it, but the terrain is unstable. (machine translated)

2026-07-12 | Zuriza11 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
5 stars (machine translated)

2026-07-04 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
A large portion of rock (EN: landslide, IT: frana) has fallen into the canyon below the little bridge. Passing is possible, though with care. Water colour changed multiple times during our descent.

2026-06-26 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
We hiked through the canyon for the first time this evening. It's still very beautiful, but it really shows off its true beauty in the morning light. Otherwise, everything was great. (machine translated)

2026-06-25 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Actually a good flow, perfect for Friulcanyon this weekend. A reminder to go easy in the pools, there's hidden rocks and a bit more gravel than usual. The approach is marked with blue dots + ferrata in the exposed parts, however the grass is high and ticks are about.

2026-05-31 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything tip top. Little water for this time of year. Access at the chapel marked with blue dots so that you don't follow the well-trodden wrong paths. (machine translated)

2025-09-21 | Benjamin Großmann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Slide at the end can be slid into the washing machine (machine translated)