

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
Approach time: 25min	Tour time: 2h45	Return time: 15min
Altitude entry: 850m	Altitude exit: 680m	Delta Altitude: 170m
Canyon length: 2000m	Highest rappel: 25m	Amount rappels: 15
Transport: Car optional	Rock type: limestone	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: South	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.5 (27)	Info: ★ 2.6 (19)	Belay: ★ 3 (23)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x40m		
Summary: (machine translated) Very nice recommended aquatic canyon; shorter rappels in strong water; exposed belays; turbulent pools; narrows with little light; large catchment; no exit for long stretches.		
Hydrology:		
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 via stirrups into a stone gully in the open part of the gorge. Here is the entry to the upper part (860m)		
Tour: (machine translated) The tour starts immediately with downclimbs and rappels into turbulent pools. 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 traverse 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:

2025-09-21 | Benjamin Großmann | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Slide at the end can be slid into the washing machine (machine translated)

2025-09-21 | Thomas Fras | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

All belays top, access from below very well secured, belays are mostly exposed and can be reached by short removable rope traverses, during our ascent several pools were full of gravel (machine translated)

2025-09-20 | Ivan | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Weapons all perfect. Some nice exposed handrails and good flow. If it wasn't all gravel some passages would be very sporty and technical. (machine translated)

2025-09-11 | System User | ⚡ | ⚡ | ⚡ High | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Quelques mouvements d'eau mais rien d'insurmontable. Pas de sauts possibles. Très beau. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2025-09-07 | System User | ⚡ | ⚡ | ⚡ High | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Significant amount of water after rains of last friday. Some tricky water movement in a couple of basins, but most are not so deep. Perfectly placed anchors everywhere, but some are difficult to reach. Practically no jumps, lots of gravel. Still one of the most beautiful canyons in the area. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2025-08-27 | Federico | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Low | 🌟 Completed

Outstanding canyons! Must do!!! Exposed walking approach, protected with new steel cable. Perfect anchorages! Crystal clear but icy water! Beautiful!!! (machine translated)

2025-08-22 | System User | ⚡ | ⚡ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

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2025-08-17 | Bernhard | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Supplement : The coordinates of the "Pp exit" are at a store further away from the exit. After consultation with the owners, please do not park there but directly at the chapel where you leave or come back anyway (machine translated)

2025-08-17 | Bernhard | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

One of the top canyons of all After the hole you can slide if you keep left (machine translated)

2025-06-23 | Péter Bonczi | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

All TOP. (machine translated)

2025-06-08 | Patrick Summerer | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★★★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Most pools are knee/hip-deep in gravel. Many places look more respectable than they are, but still nothing for beginners! For some stands you have to climb around the corner, but there are glued anchors for self-belaying (machine translated)

2025-05-31 | Clarissa Linder | ★★★★★ | ⚡ ★ | ⚡ ★★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Everything top. (machine translated)

2024-12-21 | System User | ⚡ | ⚡ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Presenza di neve nei versanti e qualche tratto ghiacciato in cui meglio usare i ramponcini per camminare dentro il torrente. Nel MC della penultima calata la presenza di ghiaccio ha reso difficile arrivare all'arco della calata. Il deviatore in questa calata, non facile da raggiungere, potrebbe essere meglio dotarlo di cordino invece che di moschettone. Tuffi fattibili in 3-4 pozze. Sentiero di avvicinamento vede la costante presenza di un cavo d'acciaio, a differenza di anni fa. Si è rivelato utile con tutta questa presenza di neve e ghiaccio. La val Zemola non delude mai. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)