

# Val Zemola

Val Zemola, Torrente Zemola

<b>Create:</b> 2023-03-09 20:49:53	<b>Update:</b> 2024-05-14 07:57:07	<b>Print:</b> 2025-07-05 04:07:02
<b>Country:</b> Italia / Italy <b>Region:</b> Friuli Venezia Giulia <b>Subregion:</b> Pordenone <b>Town:</b> Erto e Casso		
<b>Difficulty:</b> difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v4 a5 IV	<b>Total time:</b> 3h25
<b>Approachtime:</b> 25min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 2h45	<b>Returntime:</b> 15min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 850m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 680m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 170m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 2000m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 25m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 15
<b>Transport:</b> Car optional	<b>Rock type:</b> limestone	<b>drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b> South	<b>Best Time:</b>
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 4.4 (21)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 2.5 (13)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 2.9 (17)
<b>Specialities:</b>		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x40m		
<b>Summary:</b> (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.		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		
<b>Access:</b> (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 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.		
<b>Approach:</b> (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, without much difference in altitude, to a concrete wall. From here, a short downclimb takes you to the stream/entrance of the lower section at approx. 810m. For the upper entry, stay on the path for another 10-15 minutes until the canyon becomes more open and you see a chaos of boulders. Here is the entry of the upper part (860m)		
<b>Tour:</b> (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 traversed 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 [46.2916 12.3682](#)

Parking at Exit [46.2776 12.3810](#)

Canyon End [46.2773 12.3788](#)

## Reports:

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'armo 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>)

2024-10-16 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | 🌊 Crazy | 🟢 Completed  
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Parcouru jusqu'à l'échappatoire, la suite était toute blanche et très étroite, nous avons préféré sortir. À refaire, je ne referais pas cette première partie .. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2024-10-09 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | 🌊 Crazy | ❤️ Not done  
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Vu en passant, tout le corridor est blanc. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2024-09-10 | Rick Paapy | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed  
Zemola beeing zemola beauty! Low waterlevel

2024-08-26 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed  
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2024-08-26 | Jason Walker | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed  
Would say today was the low side of medium. Some tricky to access abseil stations - but enough bolts for sure. It gets a 5/5 if you walk up the river right side from the church to the top. The car shuttle option seems kinda dumb - it's a cool walk up, and probably safer and faster.

2024-08-24 | Barbora Kohout | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed  
Perfect ♥ We didn't see a dead animal, but for a while there was a stench, but nothing terrible. Some pools have a completely different depth than last year. For example, the turbulent pool under the "unique magic window" is deep. Last year I had water up to my ankles. But no problem. Everything is OK ♥

2024-08-22 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed  
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2024-08-14 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed  
Cool place with cold waters for hot days. Fyi dead animal was removed from pool, but still smells.

2024-07-31 | System User | 📖 | ⚓ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed  
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Val Zemola Méfiance, l'eau est vraiment froide... (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2529/observations.html>)

2024-07-31 | Bina | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed  
If you know the canyon, it's easily doable. (machine translated)