

# Rio Fondaris

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<b>Country:</b> Italia / Italy <b>Region:</b> Friuli Venezia Giulia <b>Subregion:</b> ente di decentramento regionale di Udine <b>Town:</b> Moggio Udinese		
<b>Difficulty:</b> not as difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v3 a3 III	<b>Total time:</b> 2h45
<b>Approachtime:</b> 40min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 1h30	<b>Returtime:</b> 35min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 910m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 800m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 110m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 400m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 30m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 11
<b>Transport:</b> Car optional	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>Drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b>	<b>Best Time:</b>
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 4.1 (10)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 2.7 (9)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 2.1 (9)
<b>Specialities:</b>		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x30m		
<b>Summary:</b> (machine translated) Wild but attractive and varied gorge in the upper reaches of the Rio Alba. Despite the remote location, relatively easy access and return via hunters paths.		
<b>Hydrology:</b>		
<b>Access:</b> (machine translated) From Moggio Udinese up into the Aupa valley. Turn right to Pardis and follow the road further up the mountain. Turn right at a junction. Parking lot in front of a barrier at about 1050m.		
<b>Approach:</b> (machine translated) Follow hiking trail 450 to the NE. This part of the climb was still officially closed in 2026, but can and is still used. The official route remains on the road for 60 meters and then leads down to the old path. Soon afterwards, at a crossroads, turn NE into the mostly dry streambed of the Rio Alba. Cross the stream and follow the path into the Rio Fondaris valley without gaining or losing much altitude. At a cairn or a little further on, branch off from the hiking trail on a hunters path marked with blue dots and cairns that leads into the valley of the Rio Fondaris. Follow this path and descend into the streambed just before the gorge begins (a path branches off to the left 50m before)		
<b>Tour:</b> (machine translated) The gorge cuts in quickly. 10m from anchor on the right (tree obstacle) 2.5m slide or rappel from jammed tree 12m from anchor on the right Short downclimb 5m from anchor left 3m jump 30m from 2 anchors on the right 2m jump or rappel from anchor right 3m rappel from anchor left (possibly jumpable but tree in underwater) 10m rappel from anchor left, jumpable Short downclimb, cross a wild hunters path secured with wire rope ladders 3m rappel from anchor right 5m rappel from anchor left, pool jumpable from the step below 20m rappel from anchors on the left, best to belay from above		

**Return:** (machine translated)

Climb briefly through the chaos of boulders from the Rio Alba, then turn orographic right into the deciduous forest. In total you have to climb about 40-50m to reach a crossing path marked with blue dots and cairns. Follow this path to the SW. The beautiful path crosses a landslide zone (ignore the old belays and bypass above instead) and then crosses through steep forest interspersed with rocks in about 15 minutes to a crossroads. Here take the path marked with pink dots to the right. You soon reach an abandoned hut (Case Foramiz), here only a short ascent on the forest road to the lower parking lot.

You can also downclimb in the streambed of the Rio Alba, first between large boulders including a small cave and jump down to the mouth of the Rio Formia, then a long streambed hike until the Rio Alba cuts into a deep canyon again. Downclimb here and rappel once 8m (aquatic, anchor on the left side of the stream). Then just more hiking and a final 5m rappel over a dam. It takes about 60 minutes to reach the dam, then 15-20 minutes up to the Alba parking lot

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [46.4522 13.2259](#)

Canyon End [46.4497 13.2231](#)

Parking at Entry [46.4507 13.2165](#)

Parking at Exit [46.4448 13.2143](#)

Alternative Canyon End [46.4367 13.2170](#)

## Reports:

2026-05-31 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 📍★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Access as described very pleasant. Super nice tour, unfortunately a bit short. As previously described, a few more anchor points would not be bad, but it is absolutely doable. Unfortunately, we missed the recommended exit and got off halfway between the reservoir and the recommended exit on the marked path. Very exposed path with a 200 m ascent; not recommended. (machine translated)

2026-05-30 | Marosffy Dániel | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 📍★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

A new gem in the vicinity, beautiful, with easy access, and even the way back was not that bad as feared, just had to cross Alba and go up straight to the path. However, some additional anchors would be nice, there are two obligatory jumps (small ones in shallow water) and some descents in the full flow.

2026-05-26 | Péter Bonczi | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 📍★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Second time here. This is a good canyon with plenty of water. The colour of the water, depending on the light, is turquoise blue at one waterfall, deep green at the next, then clear. It's really nice. (machine translated)

2026-05-03 | Ales | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 📍★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

One of the most beautiful canyons with beautiful waterfalls and an easily accessible trail, we just missed the exit a little but still made it back exactly to the car in the lower parking lot.

[https://youtu.be/w3OUYFATVpE?si=VA4dq\\_LwWV-3F8sj](https://youtu.be/w3OUYFATVpE?si=VA4dq_LwWV-3F8sj) (machine translated)

2026-05-01 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 📍★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Enjoyable tour with a few highlights, one of which is the 12m (?) jump at the end. However anchoring is often singles. The most beautiful waterfall is also untouched, a redirect here would be a major improvement.

2026-04-26 | Rick Paapy | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 📍★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Nice new canyon good to do in combination with tralba or alba. (machine translated)

2026-04-05 | Péter Bonczi | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 📍★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Quite a good new opportunity in the region. Thanks for the discovery! (machine translated)

2026-03-28 | Helmut | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Fantastic tour in a spectacular setting. A big thank you to the first climbers! (machine translated)

2026-03-28 | Thomas Prettnner | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 📍★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

A true gem! A bit slippery, but a beautiful area. Anchor points are fine. No cell phone reception. An offline map for navigation is very helpful. The last rappel is direct in the waterline - there's no way around it. A must-do in Friuli.

2026-03-08 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 📍★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

First ascent. Unexpectedly beautiful canyon with some rappels - highest 30m and jumps, with few walking passages in a wild ambience. Unfortunately, the way back is first uphill without a path, so only 4 stars. (machine translated)

First descent: 08.03.2026 by Horst Lambauer, Clarissa Lindner, David Sefaj, Georg Buol