Ciol Susanna

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Pordenone **Town:** Claut		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 IV	**Total time:** 7h10
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1180m	**Altitude exit:** 690m	**Delta Altitude:** 490m
Canyon length: 1400m	**Highest rapell:** 76m	**Amount rapells:** 19
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** dolomite	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season: March - October	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 8-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (5)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 1x80m, 2x60m

Summary:
Vertical, continuous and not too aquatic apart from a dip in the pool with every abseil, Susanna makes for a great canyon in Spring or when other canyons have too much water. Together with Nuccí it is one of the most recent interesting tours in the wild Dolomiti Friulane. The approach is on a hunter's trail, marked with blue dots and maintained by the team that opened the canyon. The descent is east-facing, morning sun obliges.

Hydrology:
Susanna has a small water catchment area, therefore depending on rain or snowmelt. Water flow can be checked easily from the road: we see from down to up: the c40, c60 & c76.

Access:
Claut - Valle Settimana - park by Stalle Susanna (first barn on the opposite side of the river Settimana), marked by a road sign. From June-July to the 3rd Sunday of Sept. there is a road fee, payable in cash or card at the entrance of the valley.

Approach:
Cross the main river on a wooden bridge slightly upstream from the parking. On the backside of the barn (Stalle Susanna) is an ancient oven, and start of a trail towards the canyon on our right. Well before reaching the canyon, blue markings by a little junction indicate we go left & up, immediately confirmed by another blue marking on a small pine tree. This trail is now faint, but marked with blue dots and the occasional cairn, it zigzags its way up through the trees and brings us closer to the canyon. At this point we are on the final emergency exit/entrance to the lower part, but we continue up on our left, steep and at times not so clear, but always marked. The trail uses the forest on the ascending ridge (offering great views and occasional phone reception) towards the final chimney 'Col Della Question'. Up on the chimney we continue shortly straight, then rapidly descend towards Susanna on our right (blue markings lead the way). A higher entrance exists but offering little reward with only 2 more obstacles won.

Tour:
Susanna express
Alt. 1180masl.
Optional jump 3m.
DC to a second pool
C15 2 bolts on a stuck boulder (sharp edge)
C21 2 bolts L (double drop)
MC or toboggan 1 bolt 6m L
C25m 2 bolts L (hanging pool)
MC abalakov + 1 bolt 6m R
C76 2 bolts L, with two intermediate anchors:
-25 2 bolts L, one w.double ring (small ledge, 2p max.)
-45 2 bolts w.double ring L (ledge, 3p max.)
Recommended is -45 with final C31 or C76 in one go
Possible escape rb not verified
C20 2 bolts in the middle
C19 2 bolts L
C20 2 bolts L
DC little pools
C5 abalakov R or DC, walk
C15 2 bolts R to the ledge in front (high, climb 4a)
C25 chain from the ledge (good visual contact) L
C30 2 bolts (on a ledge, low) L
C15 1 bolt (narrow section) R
C20 2 bolts + 1 abalakov for hanging the backpack L
DC + walk 50m
C20 1 bolt + 1 abalakov R
MC 2 bolts 10m L (now used as a handline)
C57 3 bolts (2*8mm placed by another team, 1*10mm as a backup, cutting edge, rockfall) L
Emergency bolt -45 R
C8 abalakov (optional) R
Walk 50m, tobogan, An fixed rope (optional) R
possible escape, not verified
C40 2 bolts (12mm) L (double drop)
DC or optional C6 from a stuck boulder L
DC or optional C20 from a rope on a small tree L
Exit right (joins the approach) or cross river

Return:
Exit R towards the trail of the approach (cairn), or cross the main river to the road, R.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2970 12.5091
Canyon Start 46.3016 12.5016
Canyon End 46.3001 12.5114

Reports:

2026-07-05 | Thierry Zanella | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A very nice, smooth descent. Great equipment. 2x70 ropes are ideal. A must-try! (machine translated)

2026-06-27 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Tour of Susanna with a 7p. Italian team during Friulcanyon. Approach with blue markings in 2hrs. on a very hot day, perfect to get rewarded with pools & toboggans after every abseil. Anchors are plenty according to the recent teams and continuity of the first 3/4 of the canyon exceptional. We used the -45 in the big abseil (room for 3) which always works well. Great feedback and smiles after the work done here. The C60 I would still like to change, but I haven't figured out how... 6h40 total activity.

2026-05-13 | Alex Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | Low | Completed
Beautiful lonely tour. All anchors ok. Low water level despite heavy rain in the evening and morning before the ascent. Access wild but well marked. Overall a great continuous rappel tour with only one walking passages in the lower third and nice high rappels. If there is a lot of water, it could be difficult to reach the exposed belay here and there. (machine translated)

2025-10-10 | Soproni Péter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
The canyon is very beautiful, well worth a visit. The description is problematic: the uphill is 2:10, the canyon is more like 5 hours. The stands are in good condition but poor. The way up is well marked, only a few places were difficult to follow, however it is very steep and sparsely travelled. The described turnoff on the path to the canon is just before the KPE pipe used to bring water to the farm house. (machine translated)

2025-09-06 | Barbora Kohout | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Beautiful alpine hike. We hiked it for about 2 hours, still well marked. And the canyon took us 6 hours with four people. The rope got stuck a couple of times :D. All anchor points were ok. Long and demanding, but beautiful ♡♡♡.

2024-07-07 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Wonderful alpine tour! Strenuous but well-marked access; all anchors in good condition. Safe to walk even after/when it rains. (machine translated)

First descent: 10.09.2023 by Jeroen Kirchner and Alex Seaone Monsoliu