Val Rinaldo

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Belluno **Town:** Sappada		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 5h35
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1600m	**Altitude exit:** 1063m	**Delta Altitude:** 537m
Canyon length: 1700m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 18
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season: July - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.6 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
Wild, long and alpine canyon with two very beautiful gorges but also plenty to downclimb. The downclimbs are challenging.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Take the E55 to Carnia, then take the SS52 to Villa Santina. At Villa Santina take the SR355 through Ovaro to Sappada. Pass the impressive Piave gorge Orrido dell Aquatona until the bridge over the Rio Bianco - parking facilities immediately before and after the bridge.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot follow the initially very steep path uphill. After about 300hm the path becomes flatter and you cross high above the canyon there. After crossing several streams, it gets steeper again before the path reaches the unmanaged but open hut Ric. Rinaldo. At the hut follow the signs 'Aqua' to soon reach the streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
Several powerful and cold springs flow into the Rio Bianco in the area of the entry - so the water flow is already respectable from the very top. There are no obvious escape routes until the exit. After a very short walking passages, the first gorge begins

* 10m rappel from anchor on the right
* 3m rappel from a jammed tree on the right
* 8m downclimb over ledge on the right
* 10m rappel from anchor left
* 23m rappel from anchor right
* 15m rappel from anchor left
* 10m rappel under clamping block from anchor right
* 3m rappel from anchor left
* 15m rappel from anchor right
* 4m rappel from the right-hand chockstone sling, from here the gorge opens up a little
* 5m rappel from anchor right
* 150m downclimb, small waterfall from the right
* 10m rappel from tree trunk with sling on the left
* 200m downclimb and slide, beautiful waterfall from the right
* 5m rappel from tree trunk with sling on the right
* longer hiking and abseiling section
* 26m rappel from 2 old anchors with a sling on the left, a very narrow gorge begins
* 20m rappel over two steps from anchors in the middle of the stream
* 10m rappel from anchor on the right
* 4m rappel from ring bolt far right at the top (or from the previous bolt - then approx. 25m)
* 100m hiking and downclimbing in a narrow gorge
* 10m rappel from anchor on the right
* 100m hiking and downclimbing in a narrow gorge until the canyon opens up again. Apparently there was a big landslide in this area a long time ago.
* 20min of laborious downclimbing between giant boulders
* 18m rappel through the water jet from anchors on the right
* 10m rappel between clamping blocks on the right.
* Another 50m downclimb, then leave the canyon to the right at the first opportunity - after a short time you reach the ascent path just above the parking lot.

Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5883 12.6612
Parking Entry and Exit 46.5771 12.6450
Canyon End 46.5773 12.6451

Reports:

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