Rio Ponte de Muro

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Dogna		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v2 a3 II	**Total time:** 1h38
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 1h15	**Returntime:** 3min
Altitude entry: 570m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (39)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (32)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (34)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30

Summary: (machine translated)
A very nice, logistically well located beginner's canyon, which can also be quickly climbed at the exit of a day still on the way home to Austria and which was first climbed only in April 2022. Clear water, nice place at the natural bridge; water drainage at the entry; large catchment area; exposure east.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
On the A23 freeway, take the Pontebba exit. Follow the SS13 for about 6 km in the direction of Udine, until you cross a bridge with a slight left turn, which bridges the Rio Ponte de Muro. In the valley you can see a large railroad bridge that connects 2 tunnels and also crosses the Rio Ponte de Muro. Here you can park directly after the bridge next to the road SS13. Attention do not block the exit of the house!
Parking: N46.461656 E013.295242

Approach: (machine translated)
Go back over the bridge over the SS13 and follow the asphalt road on the left (at the hiking sign) briefly uphill. (Water pipe under the railroad bridge visible from below). Immediately at the first (right) bend follow the hiking trail 428 and not the road from the video-monitored power plant! The trail leads above the canyon and parallel to the road slightly uphill. After a short ascent, the trail leads across the canyon to the other side. Here then go up again briefly through the forest to the small weir step with water drainage. Entry orographically on the right at about 570m (N46.462745 E013.286961). Please stay on the hiking trail --> otherwise trouble with the power plant operator.

Tour: (machine translated)
Right next to the dam, on the left, near a large rock is the first ring; you'll need about 20 meters of ropes to rappel down through three pools (the first step to the large pool is about 15 meters high; the second and third steps are 2–3 meters). [Alternatively, you could rappel just 15 meters to the first pool and then downclimb, jump, or slide down the two smaller ones]
This is followed by a short downclimbing and walking passage, about 100 m. You'll come to a large clamping block that forms a natural bridge over the hiking trail you just walked up.
Here, the canyon narrows, and you reach the most beautiful spot in the canyon: a roughly 15-meter rappel directly in the water (optionally to the left, outside the main current) into a small cave-like passage. This is followed by a 5-meter rappel on the ortographic left and a 3-meter rappel on the ortographic right before you reach a large rock, behind which the next rappel ring is somewhat hidden. From here, rappel approximately 10 meters into the water from the ortographic left, followed by a Rappel 8 meters. As an alternative to the 10-meter and 8-meter rappels in the water, you can find rappelling rings further ahead on the ortographic left side of dry land (rappel approx. 15 meters). Afterward, walk about 40 meters until you can rappel about 10 meters to the ortographic right; you might also be able to jump. Immediately after that, there's a 15-meter flat abseil point to the ortographic right. The last abseil point is to the ortographic left a fixed rope, about 3 meters. After the last rappelling point, there's a small section of boulder field that you'll need to climb down before you find yourself back under the railroad bridge. It's best to exit the canyon on the right side, directly below the road bridge, at about 470 meters.

Return: (machine translated)
Just below the road bridge (SS13) on the right, a short steep climb to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4617 13.2952
Canyon Start 46.4627 13.2870

Reports:

2026-09-06 | Hujber Krisztián | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
The pools were shallower now and had filled with gravel. Because of the rockfall, the last big jump is no longer possible. Watch out there are a lot of unstable boulders!

2026-09-04 | Seba | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Please note that the pool at the second-to-last rappel point no longer exists. Due to an earthquake, a huge boulder slid into the pool where people used to dive... the next rappel point is also at risk because there are large, unstable boulders above the rappel line. (machine translated)

2026-08-20 | Elias Ladurner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A super nice short tour. The venues are great and perfect for practicing set lists. (machine translated)

2026-08-16 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
More water than expected, especially seeing the surronding drought. Pools are deeper too. However, a huge rockslide came from the right near the end, hopefully is is settled now.

2026-08-15 | Ivan I. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A short but nice stream; fishing is okay (machine translated)

2026-08-09 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything's great. Short, nice, and very cold. Be careful when parking! Don't block the driveway to the house. That's a surefire way to get in trouble. There are a few jumps you can try. (machine translated)

2026-08-08 | Maša | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A beautiful, short canyon that's easy to access—perfect even for beginners. (machine translated)

2026-07-27 | Michael Streiner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Awesome canyon! Very short distances between the rappels, with a few possible jumps and cold, clear water. (machine translated)

2026-07-26 | Samuel Lobodáš | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
It was quick, it was fun, it was good. The canyon has everything- jumps, rappels, walking. From car to car it takes sth around 2 hours which makes it a perfect side quest canyon during travel day.

2026-07-18 | Andi Schober | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything's great; water level slightly higher (machine translated)

2026-06-12 | Marosffy Dániel | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
The pool at the start was overflown, so we bravely retreated.

2026-06-11 | Olda | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Everything was fine. The water level was relatively high because it had rained the day before. As a result, the current was stronger in some areas. (machine translated)

2026-06-06 | Hujber Krisztián | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
At the first belay (right after the dam), one of the three hangers is loose and unusable. Even so, the station is safe to use!

2026-02-22 | Andreas Gremmel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Very nice short (machine translated)

2025-10-01 | Montie | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything was fine, cold as always

2025-08-08 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice tour with kids. A lot of canyon for 10 min access. Everything ok ...cold as usual (machine translated)

2025-07-24 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Well equipped. Two unnecessary, slanted loose screws. Cold water, as always. (machine translated)

2025-07-19 | Roland Hatzenbichler | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed

First descent: 14.04.2022 by Horst Lambauer, Georg Buol, Andreas Schober