Torrente Ciolesan

Ciolesan

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Claut		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 3h50
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 940m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 300m
Canyon length: 1800m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (17)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (12)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (15)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful lime canyon with several mostly short abseils, some jumps and slides. When the water level is high, the tour should not be underestimated due to the narrow passages. There are two entry points via the "Ciol della Val" tributary

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the village of Claut, drive to Lesis. Either park at the first free parking lot (approx. 10 min. walk to P2) or shortly after Lesis cross the Cellina bridge and drive to the large second parking lot (until the third Sunday in Sept. you have to pay €6/car for parking at P2 -> parking machine at P1 with CE card function).

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow Path 391 over the first bridge and continue straight ahead uphill to an alpine meadow with several houses. Turn left right at the first house (the trail marker and path are hard to see). Then climb steeply, keeping to the left, up to the edge of the forest. Continue on the visible path, which winds steeply uphill in many hairpin bends. After gaining a few meters in elevation, the narrow path—which is very exposed in places—runs parallel to and far above the canyon with minimal elevation changes until you reach the tributary “Ciol della Val.” (Alternatively, after crossing a mostly dry streambed, you can turn left and follow an unmarked trail—this path first leads to the ruins of an old material cable car, then steeply down to the Ciol della Val streambed, which you reach via three rappels before it joins the Ciolesan. This access saves you five rappels from the upper Ciol della Val.)

Tour: (machine translated)
To reach the Ciolesan, descend via the open (sunny) tributary "Ciol della Val". Depending on the entry option, there are 8 or 3 (max. 30m) abseils to the confluence with the Ciolesan. The lime canyon is very varied and continuous. From the confluence with the Ciolesan it becomes narrower and more spectacular. Here there are a further 8 abseiling points (max. 15m). The sometimes very narrow (0.5m) and mostly short rappels should not be underestimated, especially at higher water levels. In the lower part of the last narrow passage there is a large clamping block that apparently blocks the way. However, this can usually be bypassed on the left without any major problems. After this, there is a veil shower and a small abseil step before you leave the canyon on the left. In 2023, the entire tour (16 abseiling points) was equipped with Inox chain anchors and wing rings as well as several helpful rope traverses (still in place in 2025!). However, the emergency drill set should always be carried as the canyon can change quickly after a flood. All in all, a worthwhile tour with beautiful mountain scenery (tip: a dinosaur footprint can be visited nearby).

Return: (machine translated)
As the streambed opens up, you will see a water line stretched across the canyon. Exit here to the left and follow the water pipe along a clear path that leads back to the parking lot

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2817 12.5531
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2729 12.5529
Canyon End 46.2746 12.5524

Reports:

2026-09-20 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Today we took the short route from the Material cable car. There's a very helpful fixed rope for the descent down the steep slope to the canyon. Everything went smoothly on the hike. (machine translated)

2026-09-20 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's fine. There are still fixed ropes in place to reach the belay stations for the two narrow, closely spaced rappels in the lower section. (machine translated)

2026-08-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan DC-, Canyon très esthétique, le départ depuis l'affluent porte peu d'intérêt, quand on arrive a la confluence le canyon devient très esthétique avec un bel encaissement et des résurgences un peu de partout (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2026-08-02 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
All stands are okay (machine translated)

2026-07-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Démarré par la partie inférieure. Très bel enchaînement au soleil. Moins glissant après l'affluent. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2026-06-27 | Ivan I. | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Weapons are fine, he's cute, but the approach is intense (machine translated)

2026-06-01 | CLAUT WATER SPORT CENTER | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
In 2025, we professionally re-equipped the entire canyon with Raumer 12 mm resin anchors and double-bolt belays throughout. Or, in a slightly more formal style: In 2025, our team fully re-equipped the canyon with Raumer 12 mm resin anchors and double-bolt belays throughout. (machine translated)

2025-09-20 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All 16 belays were equipped with 10mm Inox chain anchors or W-ring + several rope traverses, we also liked the upper entry (8 abseils in Ciol della Val). If there is a lot of sediment in the streambed, the water can become cloudy (this was not the case during our ascent). New topographic view under Internes (machine translated)

2025-08-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan En el área de picnic hay que pagar.multa de 30e.el final muy bonito (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2025-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2025-08-17 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
There are much nicer canyons in the area. We had very cloudy water, which only made many jumps/slides possible after checking it out (machine translated)

2025-08-07 | Kanyon Kerke | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
The ascent is a bit tedious, but the canyon is very well set up, beautiful and not too difficult. We had little water (see picture of the entrance pool). (machine translated)

2024-11-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Armi ok anche nell'affluente Ciol della Val.Presenza di MC fissi.Molte pozze nuovamente tuffabili.Roccia fornisce molto grip.Avevo brutti ricordi, ma oggi mi sono ricreduto...gran bella riscoperta (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2024-10-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Eau marron, au pic de la crue... (Quelle: