Rio Marodia (superiore)

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Udine **Town:** Forni di Sotto		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 7h55
Approachtime: 3h30	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 25min
Altitude entry: 1400m	**Altitude exit:** 1020m	**Delta Altitude:** 380m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:** 26
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
26 aquatic rappels and jumps up to 10m in a remote location. Long and difficult access. Belays often at natural anchor points. Adventure canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Parking exit: From Ampezzo via Forno di sotto on the SS52 to the high bridge over the Rio Marodia. Parking for 5 cars on the left-hand side.

Parking entry: approx. 2km in the direction of Forno di sotto as far as a small saddle near the Sant'Antonio chapel. Turn left onto the asphalt road and keep left over a bridge to a parking area at the exit of the road. Alternatively, you can follow the asphalt road to the right towards Fienili Chiampì and park at the junction of the road towards Fienili Preson, which is closed to public traffic but easy to drive on.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the CAI 212 hiking trail for just under 1000m to the Forcella Rancolin (1874m). At the saddle, descend immediately into the valley of the Rio Marodia, there are only a few markers left of the path marked on the tabacco map, it first descends across meadows to the beginning of a dry streambed, then from 1700m down a small channel over easy boulders. The path crosses to the right at 1576 above the first higher waterfall (Latschengasse). This path would actually be a good approach option, but the Vaia storm of 2018 left enormous wind damage in the area west of the canyon, which has not yet been cleared up. An attempted ascent in 2021 exited there at 1400m in tree chaos.
Climb around the first waterfall on the left behind boulders, the following approx. 60m high sloping waterfall can be rappelled from the right over mountain pines, or climbed around on the left over gravel. At the bottom, descend briefly in the gravel bed before the stream meets bedrock.

Tour: (machine translated)
The stream quickly cuts into a gorge of about 10m depth in the bedrock, many pools and many small rappels which can sometimes be slid or jumped (7m max.). The flow is constantly increasing due to the many springs. We have set some anchors, but several passages have to be downclimbed or rappelled from natural fixed points. Some rappels go over several pools, make sure you can reach the next anchor before the rope retrival.
The canyon then opens up briefly, via small slides to a 16m step and then to a 25m waterfall, where you can also jump 10m from a small platform on the left. From here in a gorge up to 30m deep with beautiful passages, which unfortunately is currently garnished with some trees.
After the gorge, downclimb until an 18m rappel marks the exit of the canyon. Short downclimb to an artificial step.

Return: (machine translated)
Orographically left up over the gravel slope, then at the top a path crosses out which soon reaches a very clear path, here do not go down the steps on the right (access to the lower part) but stay left on the crossing path and descend comfortably to the parking lot, partly secured with wire ropes.

Coordinates:
Parking at Exit 46.4019 12.6153
Canyon Start 46.4226 12.6243
Canyon End 46.4113 12.6183
Parking at Entry 46.4021 12.6424

Reports:

2024-07-09 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
We entered quite high (around 1800masl) to descend on scree at first. Possibly a faster access to the good part exists on the orographic right bank, but according to one of our team members this trail is unfortunately unpassable with fallen trees. The canyon fills up nicely with water from the many karstic sources and good rock allows for pools, which offered jumps, slides and nice abseils. Albeit a little warning for trees or rocks that may be hidden in the pools. We bolted everything new with M10 anchors. We did not commit to the lower part on this day.

Parts:
Rio Marodia (superiore), v3 a4 IV, 3h30+4h+25min
Rio Marodia inferiore, v? a? ?, 30min++

First descent: 07.09.2024 by ACA