Torrente Grigno

Forra del Grigno,Apocalypse Now,Bus del Diavolo,Grigno,Teufelsloch

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Trentino-Alto Adige **Subregion:** Trento / Provincia autonoma di Trento **Town:** Grigno		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v5 a6 VI	**Total time:** 5h35
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 510m	**Altitude exit:** 310m	**Delta Altitude:** 200m
Canyon length: 3200m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.8 (18)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (14)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (16)

Specialities:
Dam, Water catchment,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
A deeply incised and watery canyon that is so narrow for more than two-thirds of its length that hardly any light reaches the canyon floor. Should only be attempted by experienced canyoneers (very high water levels/whitewater, exposed belay stations, challenging rope traverses)!

A rough estimate of the water level can be obtained from the measuring station (see links). A flow rate of approximately 2 m³/s is considered a guideline for a safe descent.
Due to its very large watershed, the canyon should only be descended during stable weather conditions.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Water level: https://www.floods.it/public/index.php

probably this one: https://www.floods.it/public/Charts.php?Sensori[]=30423

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from Trento on the SP 47 we turn into the village of Grigno and park a little north of the center on the orographic. right side of the Torrente Grigno.
With the second car return to the main road, turn left over the river and about 200 meters further turn left again on the road to Castello Tesino. Once there, keep left and continue to Pieve Tesino. From the center of the village, head south to Cinte Tesino. Follow the signs to "Ponte de Diabolo" or "Apocalypse Now" and drive downhill until the trail to Ponte del Diabolo begins. There is room for about 2 cars!

Approach: (machine translated)
We follow the forest trail that begins here for about 200 m downhill to the first leftward haipin bend. The access is signposted “Apocalipse Now” and marked in red and white. There are also blue-and-white AIC markings. Descend to a forest ridge on the right and turn left just before a streambed. At the next signpost, descend parallel to the streambed and soon cross to the left under a smooth wall toward the entry.
If you have time, you can also follow the signs to Ponte del Diaolo, a natural bridge spanning the narrowest part of the gorge (about 40 minutes round trip).

Alternative access: From the “alternative parking lot access,” follow the road a few meters past the next left-hand curve, then walk about 10 meters off-trail down the slope until you come to a path. Follow this path downhill toward the north for about 10–15 minutes directly to the canyon (advantage: significantly shorter shuttle time—10 minutes instead of 30 minutes one way—and more pleasant access).

Tour: (machine translated)
After rappelling down into the canyon, a short walking passage leads to the next rappelling point, which can be reached on the right via a rope traverse. After a dry, approximately 10-meter rappel to the ortographic right, you reach a somewhat challenging section that must be navigated. Here, you can either climb to the right to reach a dry abseil station or set up a rope traverse using a floating anchor. Avoid rappelling directly into the stream.
Now the truly dark section of the Grigno begins. Next is a short, approximately 3-meter rappel to the right, which can be navigated using a pulley system (a permanently mounted carabiner); without it, you would end up directly in the strong current. This is followed by several rappelling points, jumps into turbulent pools, and long, dark corridors that, depending on the time of day, may receive some sunlight, creating wonderful plays of light. The canyon faces south, meaning that around noon you have the best chance of beautiful light inside the canyon.
You'll spend about 2.5 hours in these dark corridors, where there's no way to escape. After that, the canyon opens up, and there's an approximately 30-minute walking passage to a dam.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the streambed up to a dam. You can go around the dam on the orographic right. From here, follow a small trail to the village of Grigno.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0397 11.6264
Parking at Entry 46.0422 11.6235
Parking at Exit 46.0172 11.6368
Canyon End 46.0199 11.6379
Parking at Entry 46.0356 11.6291
Parking at Exit 46.0152 11.6358

Reports:

2026-09-26 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Flow never exceeds 2.12 m³, depending on the site. The first section is fabulous, with light streaming into the narrow corridors; unfortunately, the second section involves much more walking and scrambling. On the fourth rappel (the one over the landslide), we used the lowest anchor on the right bank (below the long MC) since only the left branch of the waterfall was active. A couple of rockfalls occurred during the descent. With a party of 7, the descent took just over 4 hours. (machine translated)

2026-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grigno GD, Échelle oscillant de 2,2 a 2,7, descendu a 4 en 2h30, l'encaissement est juste incroyable avec l'embrun et l'eau qui tombe de partout dans ce méandre obscur, mouvement d'eau a tout les obstacles, des main courantes assez difficiles a mettre en place (broches très hautes) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2558/observations.html)

2026-08-14 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Currently great conditions. Normal flow 1.70-2,36. Handlines to be installed, one of which involves some 10 carabiners. The river bed and location of some giant boulders have changed noticeably in the last few years. Almost all pools can be jumped, minus one or two.

2026-08-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grigno Grandiose, un encaissement dantesque avec de l'eau qui tombe de partout !!Parcouru à 5 avec un débit entre 2.12 et 2.36m3Maîtrise des mains courantes multi points obligatoire et attention car même avec ce débit il y a des mouvements d'eau marqués dans certains passages de l'encaissement. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2558/observations.html)

2026-08-01 | Nicola | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
A beautiful stream; the flow was 2.12 m³ at the start. All safety equipment is present and secure. Only a few number plates are missing. Be careful of the large amount of loose material located above descent number 1, caused by a tributary coming into the stream during a storm (I’m attaching a photo). (machine translated)

2026-08-01 | Nicola | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The stream is always very beautiful; there are handholds, and it’s safe. The number plates are missing on some of the rappels. At the start, ignore the ropes on the handrail visible on the right bank and use the low anchor at the wedged rock instead. On the last rappel, watch out for falling rocks caused by the activation of a tributary. (I’m leaving a video.) (machine translated)

2026-07-31 | Luca | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Excellent anchors. Be careful on rappel #2 (the second-to-last one)—stay high and grab the handrail on the left bank. Don’t rappel down into the pool. Beautiful as always. Bring a flashlight for the dark section. (machine translated)

2026-07-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grigno Fait sans navette, 1h15 d'approche, 2h15 de canyon, à 2, tranquille. Débit oscillant entre 2,62 et 2,36 m3. Mouvements d'eau dans les vasques mais ne posant pas trop de pb. Rappels possibles hors d'eau, avec MC à installer. Magnifique, sombre, imposant. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2558/observations.html)

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2026-07-19 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything's great. Flow rate of about 2.5 m³/s. (machine translated)

2026-07-12 | Francesco Micaglio | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A wonderful gorge; we entered with a flow rate between 2.12 and 2.36, according to the hydrometer, despite yesterday’s thunderstorm and a peak of a whopping 7.5 cubic meters per second □. After the Valkyries Waterfall,