

Rio Terrarossa (inferiore)

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Udine Town: Dogna		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a2 III	Total time: 3h35
Approach time: 45min	Tourtime: 2h30	Returntime: 20min
Altitude entry: 830m	Altitude exit: 620m	Delta Altitude: 210m
Canyon length: m	Highest rappel: 50m	Amount rappels: 10
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: South	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 2.6 (3)	Info: ★ 3 (2)	Belay: ★ 2 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40m

Summary:

Beautiful, mostly shallow lime canyon; sufficiently well equipped; half-day tour; can be easily combined with Rio Cadramazzo inferiore, Patok, etc.; partly exposed access (path not always clearly visible); clean water; south-facing exposure; 3mm neoprene sufficient; Caution! In spring, many processionary caterpillars nest here on the pine trees (hairs are irritating to the skin and can even trigger allergic reactions when inhaled); worthwhile after rainfall; shuttle car (with ground clearance) highly recommended as otherwise the access would take as long as the tour itself; Terra Rossa superiore also possible (full day tour!)

Hydrology:

Access:

Coming from Tarvisio, you can either take the SS13 (Kanaltal Bundesstraße) to the village of Dogna or the highway (exit Pontebba) + a few km. Federal highway. In the village of Dogna, follow the signs/road over the Fella towards the Dogna Valley. Immediately after the bridge over the Fella, there is a large gravel parking place (wood storage area) on the right. Here you follow the road further into the valley through the small tunnel to the village of Roncheschin. The water level can be checked at the bridge with a small hydroelectric power house that crosses the Rio Terra Rossa (if the water comes over the entire width of the last artificial step, it is not advisable to walk here).

After the check, turn right (before the "Chiudipupe" sign) and drive to the group of houses near Torrente Dognas, where you can park the first car. Take the second car back towards Dogna and turn right just before the Fella bridge. After 3-4 houses, turn right again towards "Chiout Pupin". Follow the steep asphalted mountain road to the exit (you need some ground clearance due to the depth of the water gullies). At the exit of the road at Chiout Pupin there are only limited parking facilities (be considerate of the locals!) Vehicle transfer approx. 3km.

Approach:

From the parking lot at the small group of houses, hiking trail 602 now leads up into the forest slightly above the road. Follow the path past a material ropeway support and a ruin with hiking markings up to the rock face. From here, the path was marked with blue markings in August 2024 to make it easier to find your way. Here, a metal footbridge leads over an exposed section. Then you come to a junction where you leave the main path on the right. From here, follow the not always easily visible water catchment path with little difference in altitude to the first open (mostly dry) streambed. Please note that this is not yet the main stream. On the other side of the stream you will find a steep chute near the smaller trees, which does not take long but is a little difficult to climb. This is followed by a short exposed traverse with a beautiful view of the valley. Be careful, do not continue up the open ridge but follow the path (see cord markings on the tree) slightly downhill to the main stream below the large rock face. Entry at approx. 830m.

Tour: (machine translated)

The Rio Terra Rossa is a short open and south-facing rappel canyon with mostly little water. There are only a few downclimbs/walking passages between the downclimbs. Before a short narrow section with a wire rope railing, there is a possible emergency exit on the left. Here you rappel 5m into the narrow section. Shortly afterwards there is a 3m rappel step (if necessary, rappel both steps together). After the narrow section, the canyon opens up and you are faced with a 20m step with a sharp edge (new belay on the left outside the water flow). This is followed by two shorter abseiling steps before you reach the beautiful 3-meter final cascade (20m/35m/25m). The belays here are somewhat exposed. After the last 25m waterfall, you stand in the gravel water drainage basin at approx. 620m. From here it is about 20 minutes to the road. First turn right at the wall and then descend on the left side of the stream via a helpful wire rope. The rest of the route runs briefly along the streambed before turning right onto the power station path. This takes you comfortably to the road bridge/shuttle car.

Return: (machine translated)

Just before the road/bridge you get out of the creek on the left. Then follow the road briefly down to the shuttle car at the Dogna stream .

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.4588 13.3304](#)

Parking at Exit [46.4483 13.3188](#)

Parking at Entry [46.4527 13.3236](#)

Canyon End [46.4560 13.3298](#)

Reports:

2024-08-03 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★ | □ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ Low | 🌟 Completed

Have marked the path with blue dots to make access more obvious. All stands ok (machine translated)

2024-06-01 | Thomas Fras | ★★★ | □ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ High | 🌟 Completed

All pitches ok so far (Edelrid Armid sling at C35 new), as always in spring some fat nests of caterpillars (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★ | □ | ⚓ | |

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Parts:

Rio Terra Rossa (superiore), v4 a2 IV, 2h30+5h30+5min

Rio Terrarossa (inferiore), v4 a2 III, 45min+2h30+20min

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