Rio Simon (Superiore)

Rio Simon sup.,Rio Simon

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Roveredo		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 6h30
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 1h30
Altitude entry: 950m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.1 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30

Summary: (machine translated)
The upper part of the Rio Simon is also absolutely recommended. Of course, the lower part - Rio Simon inferiore - is one of the highlights of Friuli, but the upper part is also absolutely recommended.
There are some really nice places in the upper part but compared to the lower part it is a bit more discontinuous. In terms of physical condition, the Rio Simon should not be underestimated - especially if you want to do the lower part! That's why the upper part is also climbed much less often - accordingly, the protections are not as in the lower part (pro canyon standard with SOS plaques), but often only single hooks or rings.
The upper part is much more open than the lower part and therefore you are also strongly exposed to the sun. That is, it is recommended in any case to fill up the water supplies at the small shelter (Stavolo Fondariis).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Carnia take the SS13 (main road) in the direction of Tarvisio. About 3km after the village of Resiutta there is a small tunnel and a bridge over the Fella river. After the bridge turn left towards Roveredo. After a short time there is a bigger road bridge where you can see a big flat streambed. Here is the exit if you want to go through the whole Rio Simon. It is best to leave most of the cars here because there are fewer parking spaces above and otherwise the locals will be disturbed. (N46.398500/E013.263400)
With as few shuttle cars as possible, follow the road to the small village of Roveredo. In the last few years an access has been established and for this it is best to park at the small church of Roveredo. But ATTENTION! The Rio Simon is one of the most frequented canyons in Friuli and we do not want to disturb the inhabitants. Therefore, please always ask and, if necessary, if there are already too many cars at the site, use one of the parking lots that you passed before on the approach to the village of Roveredo. (N46.387213/E013.252620) or nearby if it is too busy. Please be considerate of the inhabitants so that we can continue to visit this canyon for a long time without problems.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot near the church, walk uphill on the opposite side of the asphalt road and you will immediately reach the small cemetery of Roveredo. Here, to the right of the cemetery, a clearly visible path leads into the woods. Follow this path until you reach a small meadow with a house. Pass the house on the right, up the meadow and above the house in the forest you should see the path again. Follow the path steeply uphill until you reach the hiking trail 424 after about 20 - 25 min. Follow the trail. At about 760Hm (after about 1h) you will come to a small stream, here you should turn right to get to the inferiore part of Rio Simon (this part is the most frequented and is known to most people as Rio Simon, because the upper part is rarely frequented).
For the upper part, always stay on path 424. After about 2 hours, at about 900 m, you will reach a small refuge (Stavolo Fondariis). Go past the house in the direction of the woods and you will come to a spring of fresh water. It is advisable, especially on hot days, to fill up your drinking water supply here, if you don't want to drink the water of the Rio Simon.
After another 20min the path 424 leads directly through a small tributary into the Rio Simon here is the entry (N46.429797/E013.256769).

Tour: (machine translated)
Directly at path 424, which leads through the tributary, there is a single ring on the right, which we have placed with the first 5m steps. After that you are already in the Rio Simon. You can either bypass the next step on the right in the forest or rappel from a tree on the ortographic left bank of the Simon.
After a short walking passages and a rappel, on the ortographic left side of the river, there is a tributary and the first narrow section begins with a hanging position on a clamping block. After another walking passages you come to the 2nd narrow passage which is tackled or. left from a ring that we have placed (an old belaystation is located or. right for emergencies).
After another longer walking passages comes a small jump and a chute where a rope traverse should be set up (or. left. double hook). This leads to a chain anchor and to the highest rappel in the Rio Simon sup. a 23m waterfall in a beautiful ambience because or. right. above the waterfall another spring flows into the Rio Simon.
A relatively long walk and downclimb follows until you come to a double cascade. This was provided by us with rings, but it could also be downclimbed or. right. In any case, it is recommended to "take" the double cascade. The first pool can be jumped from ortographic left after control. The 2nd waterfall in the cascade, can be rappelled from a new ring. or. right (R18 right).
Another walking and downclimb follows before coming to the last rappel in the Simon, which can also possibly be jumped. After another long walk and downclimb, you reach the entry of the Rio Simon inferiore - the most frequented part, of the Rio Simon.

Return: (machine translated)
There are 2 possibilities. If you have problems with your condition or time, you can descend via the access of the Rio Simon inferiore or ortographic right. You walk about 1h - 1,5h back to the parking lot at the church in Roveredo.
If you want to do the lower part of the Rio Simon, then you should calculate at least another 3.5 hours. Of course, depending on the group and group size! Here you come out at the lower parking lot of the Rio Simon at the bridge and picnic area. Tour description see Rio Simon inferiore.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4280 13.2574
Parking at Exit 46.3985 13.2634
Parking at Entry 46.3973 13.2526
Canyon End 46.4149 13.2611

Reports:

2025-06-17 | Tjaz | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All anchors good. Only on big one would be nice to make a new one in near future. Otherwise, long approach, some nice sections and a lot of walking. The 25 m waterfall is really cool!

2025-04-12 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
all stands ok (machine translated)

2024-07-26 | Moosi | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything ok (machine translated)

2023-06-03 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Upper rappel is the drill hook already relatively loose. Unfortunately, I had no drill with. I.e. the top rappel should be renewed times. Otherwise, everything tip top. Were in 6:15 car-car through with pause superiore+inferiore. (machine translated)

2023-04-11 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
Coordinates and description edited. Duplicate canyon deleted. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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Parts:
Rio Simon (Superiore), v3 a3 III, 2h30+2h30+1h30
Rio Simon (Inferiore), v4 a4 V, 1h30+4h30+10min