

Rio dell'Ambruseit

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Udine Town: Lovea		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a4 III	Total time: 4h
Approach time: 0min	Tour time: 3h15	Return time: 45min
Altitude entry: 800m	Altitude exit: 440m	Delta Altitude: 360m
Canyon length: 800m	Highest rappel: 40m	Amount rappels: 9
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.8 (12)	Info: ★ 2.8 (7)	Belay: ★ 2.6 (10)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40m

Summary:

Beautiful aquatic canyon in brittle limestone; cold clean water; large catchment area; challenging individual passages at high water levels; possible exit approx. 550m.

Hydrology:

Access:

From Tolmezzo take the SS52b in the direction of Arta Terme/Austria. Approx. 4.5 km after the petrol station (near Tolmezzo) turn right towards Paularo into the Chiarzo valley (SP23). In the village of Piedim, cross the bridge over the Torrente Chiarzo on the right. Immediately after the bridge, turn left and follow the gravel road to Rio dell'Ambruseit. The shuttle car can be parked right next to the stream. Take the 2nd car back to the main road. Continue right upstream here. After a short distance, turn left towards Lovea. Follow the winding road towards Lovea. Shortly before the village of Lovea, turn left uphill (no driving sign). At the next junction, keep left again and follow the road to the stream (Rio dell'Ambruseit). Park directly in front of the stream (approx. 800m).

Alternative where you save about 45min river walk but with 25min ascent:

Do not park the car as described above, but drive straight to Lovea. Just before the village, turn left and continue uphill (no driving sign). After 4 hairpin bends there is a small turnoff and a small asphalt road on the right. Here you come to the small group of houses "Stavoli Nivuae". There is a paved parking lot (on the right) right next to the first houses, where the locals are not bothered. Park most of the cars here and return to the small road where you previously turned right with as few cars as possible. Continue uphill to the right until you reach the stream. Park here.

Approach:

Enter the stream directly from the parking lot.

Tour:

The Rio dell'Ambruseit is fed by 2 larger and several smaller tributaries and therefore always has plenty of water. The water level is best judged at the first 5m step, at the entry. Here, the water should not walk more than 2/3 of the step width over the edge. After the first step, there is about 200m of boulder terrain to the next 25m and 40m falls. At the 40m waterfall, an intermediate stance can be right to avoid getting the full load of water. After that there are several small steps (max. 10m) which can be rappelled, downclimbed or jumped according to your own assessment. A striking feature is a 25m rappel that first leads into a deep pool and then continues down the rappel refreshed. This is followed by a longer walking passages over boulder terrain which is interrupted by a small step (8m rappel or 2m jump). At the next 30m rappel, you are back in the watercourse (alternatively, you can rappel from a tree here). Depending on the water level, the deep pool has a receding current. After this point, there is a longer walking passages over boulders before the canyon narrows. The last 4 steps of the narrower gorge section are quickly mastered (2x rappel, 1x jump, 1x downclimb). Now follow the course of the stream for about 45 minutes without much difficulty to the exit/shuttle car at 440m (alternative: see exit/return route).

Return: (machine translated)

1st possibility (50 min): Stay in the canyon and hike out the streambed for approx. 50 min from the last rappel
2nd option (45 min): At approx. 550m, you will come across a large rock with blue care rope markings in the streambed on the right on the embankment (after approx. 20 min walking passages in the canyon after the last rappel). Up the embankment you can see an old ruin on the left. The path was newly equipped with blue markings on the trees in May 2022. First follow the streambed upstream for about 50m in the forest and then follow the blue markings steeply upwards. Then you come to a recognizable path which after about 25 minutes leads to the group of houses St. Nivuae where the shuttle cars should be parked beforehand.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.4692 13.1072](#)

Parking at Exit [46.4703 13.0700](#)

Parking at Entry [46.4694 13.1068](#)

Canyon End [46.4678 13.0929](#)

Reports:

2025-08-25 | System User |   |  Normal |  Completed

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2025-08-19 | System User |   |  High |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ambruseit (inférieur) Equipement : parfait. Broches et relais avec chaînes inox. Mais quelques relais d'accès difficile. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23459/observations.html>)

2025-07-12 | Wolfgang |     |     |  Normal |  Completed

Nice and slippery as always. Otherwise everything OK (machine translated)

2025-06-18 | Enya Schaefer |     |    |    |  Normal |  Completed

Good flows, started at 9 and got to St. Nivuae by 1:10. The track up is easy to lose. Very slippery rock in the canyon at the moment.

2025-06-16 | Barbora Kohout |     |     |  Normal |  Completed

Beautiful canyon, perfect day    Water level normal, maybe even slightly lower. Despite that, we got a nice hit in one waterfall. We didn't notice the side stand. A real aquatic canyon, quite action-packed for average canyoners. Many stands have only one point, but these look good and new. Long long exit.

2025-06-06 | Rick Paapy |     |    |    |  High |  Completed

Everything all good nice waterlevel, just walk back look up for the arrow it is like 3m above waterlevel. (machine translated)

2024-12-30 | Wolfgang |     |     |  Low |  Completed

At this time of year practically no sun in the canyon; therefore a lot of ice or stones covered with an ice film,...so the bit slippery is already the lesser evil. Because of the constant "danger of slipping" it was exhausting, but once again it was fun (machine translated)

2024-06-27 | Bernhard |     |    |   |  High |  Completed

Very slippery in places Many jumps doable (we jumped the 15?!) Nice open fun canyon which has a very tough walking passages at the end Water level no problem as the stands are always outside the water flow or possible (often one direct and one bypass) (machine translated)

2023-12-30 | Rok |     |    |    |  Normal |  Completed

Not at all slippery now due to the floods in Friuli. The pools, which were still all jumpable without any problems in July, are now partly full of gravel. At the last narrow passage there was a large rockfall (there is still a large rock hanging directly at the 90 degree bend where you actually abseil directly underneath (see photo). Otherwise everything is great. (machine translated)

2023-12-30 | Horst Lambauer |     |    |    |  Normal |  Completed

everything tip top (machine translated)

2023-07-17 | Rok |     |    |    |  Normal |  Completed

Currently so of slippery and slippery, but super water throughput. At the 3rd stand we had to really strain to get out of the water to the stand. All stands ok. Abseiling partly only on 1 hook, but these perfectly set and very good condition. Great canyon. (machine translated)

2023-06-04 | Horst Lambauer |      |    |    |  Normal |  Completed

Exit description adapted to actual Gegenbenheiten (time information was not correct). My recommendation to stay in the creek bed, you have 5 min longer to go, but not uphill in the bushes. The only disadvantage is that you have to shuttle about 10min longer. Have drilled at the 40m rappel below a ring to be able to build a cable car (the old one was gone). Otherwise everything Tiptop. Photos added of the first rappel regarding water level control. Here the walk was ok, only at the 40m rappel we have built the ropeway for not so experienced, because but much water pressure was during the abseiling. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User |    |   |

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten,