Torrente Caltea

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Pordenone **Town:** Barcis		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 IV	**Total time:** 2h10
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 525m	**Altitude exit:** 400m	**Delta Altitude:** 125m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: April - October	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.8 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1.7 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappels and jump canyon that leads into the Barcis reservoir. Beautiful passages that you have to work your way up with a lot of arduous block climbing.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
canyon drains the north-eastern side of Monte Cavallo. Lots of water in spring, then often dry in summer.

Access: (machine translated)
From Maniago via the S.S. 251 in Cellina Valley. After the chain of tunnels, before reaching Barcis, turn left over the Ponte Antoi, which bridges a branch of the Barcis reservoir. Follow this road towards Piancavallo until you reach the bridge over the gorge. Here there is a small parking area for 2-3 cars (parking exit). Follow the ascending road over 7 hairpin bends and then past a chapel on the right-hand side of the road. Follow the now flatter road for a while until you reach a parking bay on the left. A long crash barrier begins here on the left-hand side of the road. Parking for 2-3 cars.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the road uphill, at the 20th post for the crash barrier a gently descending path begins (small cairn) which you follow to the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
Easy downclimbs lead to a 2m slide, a swimming passage and a beautiful rock arch. Then briefly through a low rock channel before you reach the highest abseil point. 16m from an anchor with a chain link in a massive channel. Immediately afterwards there is a 3m slide. This passage can also be rappelled orographic to the right of a tree. Continue descending and swimming through low rock channels to the next 14m abseil from a ring bolt on the left. If there is a lot of water, you should avoid being washed left into the cave next to the waterfall. Downclimb briefly through more open terrain until you find the next 2m abseil point on the right under a large clamping block.
From here, the bottom of the gorge is covered with large, round and slippery boulders. The downclimb is confusing and tedious until you reach a block the size of a house. At the belay on the left (in the water jet), the lugs were missing in 2024, but to the right of the block you will find a 7m abseil stand which you can reach by means of a downclimb under a smaller clamping block. After that it is only a short block climb until you reach the narrow final gorge via a magnificent 8m jump. The jump could also be rappelled to the left using a chain. In the gorge there are several small downclimbs and an interesting semi-siphon under a giant boulder. After two bridges and a statue of the Madonna on the left in a rocky corner, the gorge exits into the warm water of the reservoir. Swim out briefly to the right and get out near a concrete pier.

Return: (machine translated)
Climb up the stone steps to the hiking trail, turn right over the bridge and immediately afterwards climb up a path to the road, which you reach at the small parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1773 12.5467
Canyon End 46.1858 12.5525
Parking at Entry 46.1794 12.5471
Parking at Exit 46.1856 12.5519

Reports:

2025-10-12 | Soproni Péter | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Dry | Completed
When you approach the canyon, leave the asphalt at the sign of "Claut Water Sport Center". The upper part of the canyon, apart from a few pools, was dry and very slippery. Judging by the shape of the rocks and the condition of the canyon, there is a time of year when water flows here, but not in the fall. This part was not really a canyon, but a dangerous hike. About 20 meters after the last descent, water from a spring came in and that made the canyon a1-a2. This is the most beautiful and enjoyable part of the canyon. This and the arrival at the lake adds a lot of value to the canyon. If someone just wants the good part of the hike, drop a rope from the bridge at the parking lot below, go back to the bottom of the last descent, and then take a splash in the lake. ;) (machine translated)

2024-05-11 | GeorgB | ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | High | Completed
Solo trip through this rarely climbed tour. A handful of beautiful passages and a great finale in the Barcis reservoir, but also a lot of slippery block climbing. (machine translated)

2024-04-07 | MirkoT | | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | High | Completed
Descent from 525mslm and therefore no need to climb to the village of Pezzeda: after the seven hairpin bends that take elevation over the gorge and after a small votive chapel, in the straight section where you begin to hear the sound of water, you discover a convenient track under the road, at the twentieth post of the first guard-rail (cairn; elevation about 555 m) to descend to the riverbed. Abundant flow given very wet previous month and high temperatures that melted a lot of snow from Piancavallo and adjacent valleys. However, it did not create major problems in progression. Recently a group of canyoneering guides has expressed interest in this gorge which is not difficult but offers beautiful views. (machine translated)