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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Pordenone Town: Vito d'Asio		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a3 III	Total time: 1h25
Approachtime: 5min	Tourtime: 1h10	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 370m	Altitude exit: 300m	Delta Altitude: 70m
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 20m	Amount rapells:
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 2.7 (7)	Info: ★ 2.6 (7)	Belay: ★ 2.7 (6)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 20m		
Summary: (machine translated) Short, beautiful narrow canyon; flows into turquoise-blue Arzinobach; approx. 200m swimming section in Arzinobach; can be combined well with Torrente la Foce, Torrente Cosa, Agaviva; stream name is from the late Carlo Gasparini; some slippery spots; small catchment area; all abseiling points in the watercourse; exposure east; vegetation-rich surroundings; very well equipped; is also used commercially; note the water level in Arzino!		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Tolmezzo head towards Verzegnis and continue over the Sella Chianzutan into the Arzinotal valley. After some time on the SP1, drive over the Arzinobach. Then follow the road for just a few hundred meters to the bus stop/exit before the signs for Pielungo 1km, Clauzetto 11km, Tramonti 24km, Grotte Pradis. Here you can park your car on the right.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the parking lot, follow the signs to the right in the direction of the village of Pielungo. Less than 100m after the junction, at the point where the guardrail (left) is interrupted at a right-hand bend, a clearly visible path leads down to the stream/entry at approx. 370m. To check the water level before the tour, you can follow the SP1 road from the parking lot straight on to the bridge over the Rio Carlo Gaspirini. Here you can already see the last steps of the tour.		
Tour: (machine translated) Immediately after the short access comes the first small step, which is mostly a slide. This is followed by an approx. 18m rappel into the now incised and thinner canyon. Beautiful washouts and twists lead to a large rock that blocks the way in the narrow section. Depending on the conditions, either slip through here or rappel right from single bolts. Then come the last abseiling points, 7m, 10m, 3m and 20m in quick succession. The belay station for the last abseil point, which leads directly into the Arzinobach, can be reached safely using a rope traverse. Alternatively, the last 20m step can also be rappelled 15m into a washout and the rest slid into the Arzinobach. As the Rio Carlo Gasparini flows into the beautiful Arzinobach without an exit option, you have to swim another 200m without any major obstacles. After the beautiful incised swimming passage, the canyon opens up and you can see a large sloping rock slab on the right where you can get out of the stream immediately afterwards on the gravel bed on the right for about 300m without any problems (do not continue swimming here as the further course of the stream has major danger spots).		

Return: (machine translated)

About 100m after the gorge, climb up to the right over rock slabs into the forest to reach a poorly visible path that leads back to the parking lot on the right.

Don't be tempted to swim further in the Arzino towards La Foce. A siphon lurks at the beginning of the next gorge and soon after that a declining step. Can be explored from the road. In 2018, the siphon was closed and the steps could be negotiated with rope support. Caution: there is a block hidden in the Weissweisser on the left

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.2762 12.9368](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.2771 12.9379](#)

Canyon End [46.2753 12.9407](#)

Reports:

2025-08-23 | Péter Bonczi | ★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Everything is fine. (machine translated)

2025-07-03 | Maru1988 | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

anchors in very good condition. water level quite low (I think in recent years it is the norm in this canyon). always a nice canyon for a quick action. only a few fallen trees reduce the fun of crossing the canyon. As always an irreplaceable experience is jumping in and paddling down the Arzino river to the beach at the exit of the canyon. It is always nice to spend a few moments there to relax in a secluded place :)

2025-06-09 | Uschi Winter | ★★★★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Anchors all in top condition. Some driftwood. Swimming along in the Arzino is always a feast. (machine translated)

2024-08-23 | Edgar Göhr | ★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

Today only 2 stars due to lack of water. Also a lot of unsightly branches on gravel. (machine translated)

2024-08-03 | Péter Bonczi | ★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

The front slide is sliding. After the 2nd descent there are quite a few trees in the canyon. The last bushwhack and swim in the Arzino is nice. Equipment ok. (machine translated)

2023-07-01 | Jak87 | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

They cut many trees above the canyon and many fell inside. (machine translated)

2023-04-18 | Daniel Sturm | 📖★★ | ⚓ | 🚫 Not done

Canyon merged. Coordinates edited. (machine translated)

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

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