Torrente Leale

Leale

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Udine **Town:** Gemona		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 3h50
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 310m	**Altitude exit:** 200m	**Delta Altitude:** 110m
Canyon length: 200m	**Highest rapell:** 22m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (18)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (12)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (16)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Aquatic, cold, technically demanding canyon; safe rappels in the water and avoiding a strong water jet must definitely be mastered. The Leale is fed by an underground lake and several chambers, in years with long snowy winters an ascent is usually impossible as too much water enters the canyon from the reservoirs; large catchment area, very dangerous at higher water levels; recommendation-> small groups; possible emergency exit left before the 2nd narrow point at the Riu dal Boschet tributary, some beautiful washouts and narrow points; the water level can be easily estimated at the ford in front of the parking lot. The water should cover a maximum of 1/3 of the ford. In the reference picture, the canyon can be done by experienced canyoneers without any problems.
Another indicator of the water level is the dam wall. When the water comes out of the outlets, which are about 3m above the pool, it is definitely better not to enter.
Certainly one of the jewels in Friuli for aquatic fans.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Tolmezzo, take the S512 main road towards Cavazzo --> continue past the lake --> after the lake, turn right towards Alesso -->from Alesso, continue towards Avasinis --> after crossing Torrente Leale, turn right at the first opportunity --> the dirt road leads to the stream where you can check the water level. The water should not walk more than 1/3 of the width and not more than 2-3cm (in height) over the shoring(see photo for estimation, at this water level the canyon is aquatic but doable without problems) After the water level check you cross the creek --> at the exit of the gravel road you park the car at the edge of the forest. (N46.299787, E13.041642)

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, follow the clearly visible path to the weir. Approx. 50m before the dam, go through the Leale and change to the ortographic right. Here you can immediately recognize the clearly visible climbing tracks that lead up to the ortographic right. Follow the path up to the dam wall. Then follow the Leale upstream for about 5 minutes until you reach the canyon exit.
A well-trodden path begins here on the ortographic left, which initially leads steeply upwards. Follow the path ortographic left up the Leale for about 25 minutes and then you come directly to the streambed of the Leale.

Once in the streambed, continue upstream along the pools dug deep into the rock until the Riu dal Boschet joins the Leale on the ortographic left. Here you switch back to the ortographic right and continue upstream until you recognize climbing tracks that lead uphill. Follow the path, which is partly marked with blue and white markings and mostly slippery, steeply uphill. Always keep to the right towards Leale, as paths branch off to the left here that do not lead to the entry point. After another 10-15 minutes, the path branches off to the right down to the streambed. If you follow the path, you will also come to the streambed after approx. 50m, where you have to rope down from a tree (not recommended).

Tour: (machine translated)
Once you reach the streambed, you will immediately see a dark turquoise pool that has been drilled into the rock. This is the first 3m jump where you come into contact with the fresh water of the Leale. Be careful if you are not jumping but downclimbing. There is a siphon above the jump from which you definitely cannot get out and which is only visible from above if you look closely. If you jump into the Leale, you don't need to worry about the siphon because the pool is exactly the exit from the siphon.
Another 1m step follows, which can be jumped very carefully with an ass bomb - because of stones in pools, as well as another jump into the pool. You come to the first rappel (SOS10) located ortographic left at the top.
This is the first challenge, as you are forced to enter the often very strong water jet at the bottom, which flows into a turbulent pool. Caution: there are also stones in the pool. The best thing to do here is to try to rope in behind the water jet and then go around the water jet to the left or right.
The SOS10 abseil point can be seen from the entry. If you already have the feeling at the entry that there is a lot of water in the canyon, it is recommended that at least one person waits at the entry to set up a rope for an emergency ascent in an emergency.
This is followed by a nice swimming passage that leads to a rappel or 8m jump. And then the upper part - which is absolutely worthwhile - is over. You follow the Leale again for 200m and pass the mouth of the Rio dal Boschet.
If you have already had problems with the water in the upper part, or if a group member has been overwhelmed, you should leave the canyon here on the ortographic left, where you came to the streambed before! The lower part has rappels that must be done in the water, is heavily incised and has no emergency exits or areas where you can get to safety from the water.
The lower part begins with a 6m rappel and after a short climbing and swimming passage, the canyon narrows. You come to the 18m abseil, which must be done in the water. The rappel cannot be seen from the belay. After a small swimming section, you come to a small step (SOS 6), which can also be downclimbed. This is followed by one of the most spectacular sections in the Leale. The abseil point SOS5 is located ortographic left, very exposed and can only be reached by climbing on slippery rock. There are some glued anchors that you should definitely use and which serve to set up a rope traverse. Once you have reached the rappel, you continue with what is probably the most spectacular rappel. The water rushes through a very narrow channel and you have to manage to get out ortographic left of the step with a little rappel skill in order to continue rappelling from the step. You can use some stones as handholds to get out. This section is challenging because if you lose your balance here, you will end up directly in the concentrated water jet, which you don't want to get into!
After a small swimming area, you come to a rock ramp where, with a little searching, you will find the 2 glued anchors for setting up the rope traverse. After setting up the rope traverse to the 6m downclimb (SOS4), you come to a narrow water channel, which you have to downclimb by spreading out. After a small swimming section, you come to the abseiling point (SOS3), which can be completed dry. If there is not too much water here, you can also go directly to the edge where the water rushes down from here and jump into the pool.
The next abseil point is on the right, very high up. A glued anchor helps with the ascent.
You come to the last abseil point, which is located by a large clamping block. If there is little water in the canyon, you can go to the chain anchor (ortographic left), which is located directly at the clamping block. Caution: here you are bound to come into the powerful water jet!
If there is more water, you should go under the clamping block and use the chain anchor with the SOS1 badge. This is a bit exposed, but you can get into the water jet further down and can avoid it by spreading out. Once you are in the pool, the last swim section follows through a wonderful dark narrow section.
Once you are out of the swimming section, the canyon opens up and you are exactly at the point where you went steeply upwards on the ortographic left during access. As with the access, follow the Leale for about 5 minutes until you reach the dam wall again, which can also be jumped with a courageous leap.

Return: (machine translated)
Just follow the path to the parking lot as you did for access.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2962 13.0241
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2997 13.0420
Canyon End 46.3006 13.0350

Reports:

2025-10-18 | Florian Heufler | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Ford 1/3 flooded as in the example picture, dam wall only water outlet at the lowest hole, all anchors good, SOS6 sign not found, hooks were there, maybe the sign is missing, Otherwise everything was doable without stress, top canyon, you should have done it :) (machine translated)

2025-09-28 | Patrick Summerer | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
Far too much water, dam wall even flooded (unfortunately no photo taken) (machine translated)

2025-09-20 | Francesco Micaglio | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
High reach,higher than normal, but feasible for descent. Anchors ok https://youtu.be/NtJvEyeCl2g?si=S2mUHi-lnM6wP9r1 (machine translated)

2025-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Leale (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23460/observations.html)

2025-08-15 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon But dangerous when there is a lot of water It was superiore - ford was like on the photos Best to park in front of the ford - apparently there are problems with the landowner in the back (machine translated)

2025-07-21 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Walked in from the top with a car shuttle - the way is difficult to find... I'd probably just walk up from the bottom (no car shuttle) Really well bolted. Fresh cold water. Super fun canyon. Very similar water profile to the main gauge photograph, and it felt exciting, but not really difficult. The pitches look more intimidating than they really are. We also did a side trip down the main canyon that joins from the left side before the final section.

2025-07-06 | Manni | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
The water level is perfect at the moment. Rappels and downclimbs in the watercourse are stress-free and the fun factor is high. (machine translated)

2025-07-04 | Nicola | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Spectacular creek, only attention to be paid to the handcatcher weave with mixed intermediate points. (machine translated)

2025-06-23 | Holzer Johannes | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
everything tip top (machine translated)

2025-06-08 | Bernhard | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
The ford was completely flooded as in the photos X (machine translated)

2025-03-04 | Rick Paapy | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Everything tip topi One down climb would be awkward with high water, because anchor is not there anymore. If you walking up follow the canyon you enter the canyon not at the start missing 1 or 2 waterfalls.

2025-02-23 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. We removed a few branches on the access and added a fixed rope for the descent to the upper start. (machine translated)

2024-09-22 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Walked the stream including the upper part. We added a fixed rope on the way down to the upper entry. After the upper part we still have the last 3 jumps from Rio Amula. For this you go up about 30 meters ortographic right from Rio Amula. Then on to the lower part of the Leale. Very nice, all stands tip top (machine translated)

2024-09-01 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Access to the usual parking lot is possible but not obvious, due to damage of the gravel road at the last 100m. If you are worried about your car, park before the ford. Today the ford was completely dry (picture 1), but that did not mean that the canyon was too. I'd call it the lower end of normal. More optical than practical threat, but the water was definitely there (picture 2 at the bottom of the crux - rappel No. 5). Some technical help at the awkward downclimb after No. 4 (picture 3) would be great.
