Val Tovanella

Torrente de Ponte Ferrovia,Torrente Tovanella,Tovanella

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Veneto **Subregion:** Belluno **Town:** Ospitale di Cadore		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 V	**Total time:** 1h42
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 2min
Altitude entry: 570m	**Altitude exit:** 500m	**Delta Altitude:** 70m
Canyon length: 400m	**Highest rapell:** 19m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 10.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (6)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m (2x30m)

Summary: (machine translated)
Short, beautiful, deeply incised lime canyon; slide brake at entry; clean water; several slippery spots; often only sparse sunlight; nice picnic area at the exit.

If you want to descend the upper Tovanella (or the Costa Signora tributary), the highest descent is 35 meters. There are six abseiling points on the Costa Signora.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
SS51 to Picnic Area Val Tovanella

Approach: (machine translated)
(15min. from the picnic parking lot)
Before the tour, check the water level at the last waterfall near the picnic area (5 min.). Follow the mountain road with the wooden sign Val Tovanella on the orographic right side of the gorge. Further up, cross the stream over a concrete bridge with a view into the canyon. Then you cross 2 more wooden bridges before you reach a suitable spot (broken wooden railing). Enter the stream here before the iron debris barrier you have already seen. Entry at approx. 570m.

Tour: (machine translated)
After slipping through at the debris barrier, you initially follow an open canyon with small downclimbs and abseils up to approx. 5m. The canyon narrows visibly as you progress. There is generally no need for artificial light, but some parts are very dark and exciting if you are not yet familiar with the canyon. From the middle, the canyon becomes really interesting. After a small jump into a dark pool, you come to a rope traverse high up on the right side with a place to stand, from which you then rappel about 15m into a small grotto. This is followed by a short, narrow walking passage before you reach the railroad bridge. (With a great deal of skill, you could reach/use the railroad bridge ladder for an emergency exit). The next 20m abseil is partly completed in the water and the rope retrival takes place in the pool. This is followed by a small 2m step (stand left) that leads to the last 12m waterfall. Here the canyon opens up again. The pool varies in depth, so a jump should be well considered!!! The canyon exits after the last rappel at approx. 500m.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last pool, follow the shallow streambed to the gravel bank in front of the road bridge. Here you are left at the picnic parking lot or return to the parking area on the access path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.3178 12.3102
Canyon End 46.3182 12.3154
Parking Entry and Exit 46.3189 12.3163
Waypoint 46.3167 12.3172
Alternative Canyon Start 46.3151 12.2920
Alternative Canyon Start 46.3160 12.2835

Reports:

2025-11-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Tovanella Entrati circa a quota 760 quando il sentiero costeggia vicino il greto. E' un altro ingresso intermedio tra inizio parte alta e parte classica.Armi minimi nella parte alta e da migliorare, anche come posizionamento.Alberi insidiosi anche appena sopra l'ultima calata.Pozze abbastanza sgombre di ghiaia. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21731/observations.html)

2025-11-16 | MirkoT | |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Enter at about elevation 760 when the trail skirts near the creek bed. It is another intermediate entrance between beginning upper part and classic part. Minimal weapons in the upper part and also to be improved as positioning. Trees also treacherous in the puddle above the last rappel. Pools fairly clear of gravel. (machine translated)

2025-09-18 | Péter Bonczi | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
Logging was taking place in the canyon area today. Trees may have fallen into the canyon. One fell into the last pool. (machine translated)

2025-09-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Tovanella Access: we took small path left just before the 2nd wooden bridge.Most jumps ok. Water can be avoided in the larger descents, but significant water movement in both pools. Escape was a bit challenging but never felt uncomfortable.We did last T12 from 2-3 meter lower with a short rope (bassin below is not super deep currently, did not dare to do the full length).Short but very nice! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21731/observations.html)

2025-06-21 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything top :) (machine translated)

2025-06-08 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
All good, stands good (machine translated)

2025-05-31 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
All good, water level normal for the season. According to the official website of the national park, the tour is clearly outside the protected area. See picture. (machine translated)

2024-10-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Tovanella Court mais intense et technique avec ce débit. 2 sorties de vasque à bien négocier, gros mouvements d'eau. Le tob eject Rd de la fin, au sec, passe bien. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21731/observations.html)

2024-10-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
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2024-07-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
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2024-07-06 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Some jumps possible. Stands in order. No floating anchor required. Water level photo (last waterfall) attached. (machine translated)

2024-06-24 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
One committing and scary looking move to escape the 'grotto' at the bottom of the 14m rap (dark section). At the flow we had, I think jumping and violently swimming would work! Otherwise, a sea anchor is good to have :D

2024-06-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Tovanella For the grade the flow was really high. We did it without bigger problems but avoided repelling into the flow. Which is not that easy just before the railway. Last slide is perfect (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21731/observations.html)