Avello

Torrente Avello,Torrente Avella,Valle delle Tre Grotte

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Abruzzo **Subregion:** Chieti **Town:** Pennapiedimonte, Ponte Avella		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 V	**Total time:** 6h20
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 730m	**Altitude exit:** 490m	**Delta Altitude:** 240m
Canyon length: 4500m	**Highest rapell:** 13m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Long narrow dark gorge with great homogeneity.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Take the A-14 along the Adriatic Sea south to Pescara. At Pescara-South /Francavilla leave the highway and drive in the direction of Chieti. At Ripa Teatina (9.4 km by then), instead of heading towards Chieti, take the well-built SS-81 southeast towards Guardiagrele. After about 19 km the road forks and you take the right branch up to Bocca di Valle (about 6 km). From here it is another 3.5 km to Pennapiedimonte. At the first and highest entrance to the village (signposted Balzolo), turn right off the SS-263 and after a few hundred meters you will come to a small square where the public road ends. Here you can park the upper car (720 m above sea level) and with the second car you continue downhill on the SS-263 in the direction of Palombaro and after about 5 km you reach Ponte Avella. If you only have one car available, there is a convenient footpath up to the village: this turns off the SS-263 to the left about 200 m from the bridge and leads up to Pennapiedimonte and the starting point of the tour above it. It does not matter whether you go left or straight ahead at the 2nd junction.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot above Pennapiedimonte, follow the small road that is closed to public traffic, soon pass through a tunnel and enjoy beautiful views of the Majella peaks and the Avello canyon below on the left. A water pipe walks under the track and so the path climbs moderately and evenly most of the time. After a while it drops again, you walk through another tunnel and approach the bottom of the gorge. On the opposite side, you can see the Fosso Selvagrande coming down. About 100 m after the road enters the forest, look to the left for footprints leading down to the Avello. You come to the streambed just below a 12 m waterfall (approx. 730 m a.s.l.) - 1¼ h.
Note: You can also start further up - Valle Tre Grotte (additional 70 min on the descent) - by following the little road to the picnic area of Linaro (850 m a.s.l.) and possibly another 200 m further on (880 m a.s.l.).
Access via the Fosso Selvagrande is also possible.

Tour: (machine translated)
4 km long, deep, almost entirely narrow canyon with many small rappels and downclimbs. Some jumps and slides, especially as the ground is gravelly (check!). Difficulties due to wedged wood and roots, possibly also with a lot of water (snowmelt on hot days in June and July!). In the lower part, a narrow channel with a base width of 10-20 cm (if necessary, clamp over it), the only major widening in the middle of the canyon, but an emergency exit here is only possible for good climbers - danger of falling rocks. Highly recommended canyon. Possibly to be combined with Valle Selvaromana (see Figlie dell'Acqua e del Tempo - M2b) or for extremes with Valle dell'Inferno (see Figlie dell'Acqua e del Tempo - M2c and Canyons & Gole 1' No. 23).

Return: (machine translated)
After passing under the Ponte Avella (SS-263) on the path up to the right and over the bridge.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.1440 14.1580
Canyon End 42.1476 14.1966
Canyon Start 42.1449 14.1578
Canyon Start 42.1410 14.1555
Canyon Start 42.1445 14.1540
Parking at Entry 42.1518 14.1939
Parking at Exit 42.1476 14.1964

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