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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Pordenone **Town:** Claut		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h50
Approachtime: 1h40	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1180m	**Altitude exit:** 690m	**Delta Altitude:** 490m
Canyon length: 1400m	**Highest rapell:** 75m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** dolomite	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season: March - October	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 8-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (3)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 1x80m, 2x60m

Summary:
Vertically developped, continuous and not too aquatic, Susanna makes for a great canyon in Spring or when other canyons have too much water. It is one of the most recent tour in this part of the Dolomites (Sept. 23). It is east-facing, morning sun obliges.

Hydrology:
Susanna has a small water catchment area, largely depending on rain or snowmelt.

Access:
Claut - Valle Settimana - park by Stalle Susanna (first barn on the opposite side of the river Settimana), marked by a road sign. From June-July to the 3rd Sunday of Sept. there is a road fee 6 EUR/car or 10EUR/van, payable in cash or card at the entrance of the valley. Note, there have been landslides after prolonged periods of heavy rain, mostly further upstream. Most canyons are an easy mountainbike-ride from Claut.

Approach:
Cross the main river on a wooden bridge slightly upstream from the parking. On the backside of the barn (Stalle Susanna) is an ancient oven, and start of a trail towards the canyon on our right. Well before reaching the canyon, blue markings by a little junction indicate we go left & up, immediately confirmed by another blue marking on a small pine tree. This trail is now faint, but marked with blue dots and the occasional cairn, it zigzags its way up through the trees and brings us closer to the canyon. At this point there is a bigger cairn, marking an emergency exit, but we continue up on our left, steep and at times not so clear, but always marked. The trail uses the forest on the ascending ridge (offering views and occasional phone reception) towards the final chimney 'Col Della Question'. Up on the chimney we continue shortly straight, then rapidly descend towards Susanna on our right (blue markings lead the way). A higher entrance exists but offering little reward with only 2 more obstacles won.

Tour:
Jump 3m
15m 1 bolt with ring in the middle on a stuck boulder (overhang).
21m 2 bolts one with ring left, in a niche, double drop.
6m optional MC to install from 1 bolt, left, alternatively tobogan with exposed exit.
25m 2 bolts, left, one with ring, from a hanging pool, start of the vertical, U-shaped part of the canyon.
10m handline to install from 1 abalakov + 1 bolt, right, to the top of the 76m 'goulotte'.
76m 2 bolts with ring left, alternatively 2 intermediate anchors -25m (2 bolts w. ring) & -45m (2 bolts w. double ring), both left.
Possible escape on the right, not verified.
20m 1 bolt with ring, in the middle.
19m 1 bolt with ring, left.
20m 1 bolt with ring, left.
Downclimb little pools.
5m optional abalakov, right, alternatively downclimb.
35m 2 bolts one with ring, right, make sure to perfect the rope retrieval.
30m 2 bolts one with double ring on a ledge, low, left.
15m 1 bolt with ring, right.
20m 1 bolt with ring + 1 small abalakov, left.
20m 1 bolt + 1 abalakov, right.
10m MC, left, from 2 bolts
50-60m two 8mm bolts with ring (placed by a 2nd team) one of which is now backed up to more solid rock, however cutting edge still exists, active belaying.
Emergency anchor for smaller ropes, right, at -47, one bolt, 10m.
Walk + tobogan, natural anchor or abalakov optional.
Possible escape right towards the trail of the approach.
40m 2 spits, left, backed up with 12mm, geyser with high flow
5m downclimb or natural anchor
20m optional abalakov, right, or downclimb, left.
Exit right by the water outtake-black tube/water supply of the locals.

Return:
Exit right bank towards the trail of the approach (cairn), or continue in the main river (longer).

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2970 12.5091
Canyon Start 46.3016 12.5016
Canyon End 46.3001 12.5114

Reports:

2025-10-10 | Soproni Péter | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
The canyon is very beautiful, well worth a visit. The description is problematic: the uphill is 2:10, the canyon is more like 5 hours. The stands are in good condition but poor. The way up is well marked, only a few places were difficult to follow, however it is very steep and sparsely travelled. The described turnoff on the path to the canon is just before the KPE pipe used to bring water to the farm house. (machine translated)

2025-09-06 | Barbora Kohout | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful alpine hike. We hiked it for about 2 hours, still well marked. And the canyon took us 6 hours with four people. The rope got stuck a couple of times :D. All anchor points were ok. Long and demanding, but beautiful ♡♡♡.

2024-07-07 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Wonderful alpine tour! Strenuous but well-marked access; all anchors in good condition. Safe to walk even after/when it rains. (machine translated)

First descent: 10.09.2023 by Jeroen Kirchner and Alex Seaone Monsoliu