Torrente Ciolesan

Ciolesan

Create: 2023-03-09 20:52:49	**Update:** 2025-09-23 19:36:33	**Print:** 2026-11-10 02:11:05
Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** Pordenone **Town:** Claut		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 3h50
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 940m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 300m
Canyon length: 1800m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (10)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful lime canyon with several mostly short abseils, some jumps and slides. When the water level is high, the tour should not be underestimated due to the narrow passages. There are two entry points via the "Ciol della Val" tributary

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the village of Claut, drive to Lesis. Either park at the first free parking lot (approx. 10 min. walk to P2) or shortly after Lesis cross the Cellina bridge and drive to the large second parking lot (until the third Sunday in Sept. you have to pay €6/car for parking at P2 -> parking machine at P1 with CE card function).

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow path 391 over the first bridge and continue orographically to the right of the Ciolesan up to an alpine meadow with several houses. Turn left at the first house (markings and path difficult to see). Then climb steeply and keep left up to the edge of the forest. Continue steeply uphill on a visible path with many hairpin bends. After a few meters in altitude, the narrow, sometimes very exposed path with little difference in altitude runs parallel and far above the canyon until you reach the "Ciol della Val" tributary. (Alternatively, after crossing a mostly dry streambed, you can branch off to the left and follow an unmarked path - this path first leads to the ruins of an old material cable car, then steeply down to the Ciol della Val streambed, which you reach 3 abseiling points before the confluence with the Ciolesan. This access saves you 5 abseils from the upper Ciol della Val).

Tour: (machine translated)
To reach the Ciolesan, descend via the open (sunny) tributary "Ciol della Val". Depending on the entry option, there are 8 or 3 (max. 30m) abseils to the confluence with the Ciolesan. The lime canyon is very varied and continuous. From the confluence with the Ciolesan it becomes narrower and more spectacular. Here there are a further 8 abseiling points (max. 15m). The sometimes very narrow (0.5m) and mostly short rappels should not be underestimated, especially at higher water levels. In the lower part of the last narrow passage there is a large clamping block that apparently blocks the way. However, this can usually be bypassed on the left without any major problems. After this, there is a veil shower and a small abseil step before you leave the canyon on the left. In 2023, the entire tour (16 abseiling points) was equipped with Inox chain anchors and wing rings as well as several helpful rope traverses (still in place in 2025!). However, the emergency drill set should always be carried as the canyon can change quickly after a flood. All in all, a worthwhile tour with beautiful mountain scenery (tip: a dinosaur footprint can be visited nearby).

Return: (machine translated)
As the streambed opens up, you will see a water line stretched across the canyon. Exit here to the left and follow the water pipe along a clear path that leads back to the parking lot

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2817 12.5531
Parking Entry and Exit 46.2729 12.5529
Canyon End 46.2746 12.5524

Reports:

2025-09-20 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
All 16 belays were equipped with 10mm Inox chain anchors or W-ring + several rope traverses, we also liked the upper entry (8 abseils in Ciol della Val). If there is a lot of sediment in the streambed, the water can become cloudy (this was not the case during our ascent). New topographic view under Internes (machine translated)

2025-08-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan En el área de picnic hay que pagar.multa de 30e.el final muy bonito (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2025-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2025-08-17 | Bernhard | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
There are much nicer canyons in the area. We had very cloudy water, which only made many jumps/slides possible after checking it out (machine translated)

2025-08-07 | Kanyon Kerke | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The ascent is a bit tedious, but the canyon is very well set up, beautiful and not too difficult. We had little water (see picture of the entrance pool). (machine translated)

2024-11-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Armi ok anche nell'affluente Ciol della Val.Presenza di MC fissi.Molte pozze nuovamente tuffabili.Roccia fornisce molto grip.Avevo brutti ricordi, ma oggi mi sono ricreduto...gran bella riscoperta (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2024-10-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Eau marron, au pic de la crue... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2024-10-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Et c'est reparti pour les crues!On s'est rabattu sur la cascata saleduogna toute proche. Normalement sèche et là magnifique pendant les pluies. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2024-10-16 | Max H. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
We started in the middle of the day. It was a nice tour with many shorter rappels. Water level according to the reference photo did not cause any problems in the narrow sections, should still be possible with a slightly higher water level. Be careful at the beginning at the first house to the left up into the forest (GPS was helpful). (machine translated)

2024-08-25 | Barbora Kohout | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Some anchor points are worse, but all in all doable. Everything was good ♡

2024-08-15 | Péter Bonczi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Quite a few screws have been removed since my last visit, but the equipment is still adequate. There is freshly fallen wood, but it's not a problem. Otherwise in nice condition. (machine translated)

2024-07-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2024-05-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciolesan Higher water than usual but not as high as other creeks in the area. Very slippery but impressive and fun. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21713/observations.html)

2024-05-09 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed