Rio Bordaglia

Description:

Rio Bordaglia is a left tributary of the river Torrente Degano and is located in the Valley of Val Degano near Forni Avoltri in the region of Friuli. Forra del Torrente Bordaglia is a tourist attraction and from 2014 the path that runs along the gorge has been rebuilt. From wooden plates and balconys along the path you can enjoy the views into the Canyon. The canyon is very short , with some low rappels, appr. 15m deep and very narrow. The walls in the canyon are nice polish, the water is beautiful colors and quite cold. The canyon on spring and early summer is probably not transient, because due high water level. The canyon is equipped in expedition style with some hard downclimbing(max 3m).

Zone: Italy – Friuli – Forni Avoltri

Dimensions:

Entrance: 1150 m Exit: 1060 m Height: 90 m Length: 300 m

Period

August-October

Times:

Approach: 25 min Progression: 40 min Return: 7 min

Shuttle:

No

Equipment: Expedition (take some extra bolts and some cutting rope)

Rope:

1 X 20m

Biggest waterfall: 7 m

Possible exit Yes (almost on the end of the canyon on the right side)

Maps:

Carta Tabacco 01 (Sappada-S.Stefano-Forni Avoltri)

Attraction:

Local

Difficulty:

V3 a3 II

We were on 1th November in to the canyon and the we found very low water level in to the canyon. Probably on the summer or earlier the difficulty is much higher (V4 a4-A5 II).

Access:

From Forni Avoltri drive towards to Sappade, when you cross the bridge over the river Degano, turn right towards Pierabech in Val Degano valley. In Pierabech they fill very famous natural drinking water Goccia di Carnia. Park the car in the parking lot on the right side of the road near tourist board for the Lago Bordaglia and for the Forra nel rio Bordaglia gorge.

Approach:

From the parking lot follow the path Sentiero naturalistico della *Forra* di *Bordaglia*(*CAI* 141), wich cross Torrente Degano river and and lead to the top of the Canyon. At the last wooden balcony, cross wooden fence and continue along the path which, after 20 metres leads into the creekbed. The approach is very short and easy.

Description of the canyon:

C 5m: tree (L) uneqipped or D (R)-hard C 6m: 1 bolt (L) J 2m C 7m: 1 bolt with carabiner (L)-hard to reach D 3m: D 3m: hard (R) C3m or S3m: 1 piton (R)

RETURN:

After the last cascade, follow the path back to the parking lot.

W = walking C = cascate D = down climb S = shout (jump) T = tobbogan, slide L = left R = right MC = hand line (traverse)

NOTE:

Probably the first repetition by Canyoning Cult Slovenia on 1th November 2014. We suggest that in combination with the Rio Muhlbach in Sappada on the same day.