

Rio degli Uccelli

Description:

Rio degli Uccelli is a stream which runs through the valley Vallone degli Uccelli, located near Pontebba. The stream is cut a deep and large gorge between the two hills Monte Brizzia and Monte Cit. From the perspective of the canyoning is not very interesting, but you can find some nice rappels at the beginning and a lot of easy downclimbing and walking between really huge walls. It's located on the south side and is not suitable for hot days. The approach is extremely difficult and therefore heavier than the canyon, but all together is a nice adventure.

Zone:

Italy – Friuli – Pontebba (Canal del Ferro)

Dimensions:

Entrance: 925 m

Exit: 610 m

Height: 315 m

Length: 1600 m

Period

March-October

Times:

Approach: 1:45 h

Progression: 2:15 h

Return: 5 min

Shuttle:

No

Equipment:

Expedition (take some extra bolts, because the creekbed changes almost after every winter)

Rope:

1 x 50m or 2X25m

Biggest waterfall:

23 m

Possible exit

No

Maps:

Carta Tabacco 18

Attraction:

Local

Difficulty:

V3 a2 III-IV

Access:

From Tarvisio drive towards to Pontebba and a little before Pontebba you notice an exit of the big canyon on the right side. As soon as you cross Rio degli Uccelli, turn right on the small road that leads under the highway bridge. Continue along the road that leads to the big gravel parking lot on the left side of the exit of the Canyon. Signs for the climbing area.

Approach:

From the end of the parking lot follow the good path on the left and go through the door of the wooden fence. Soon you come to a small asphalted road which you follow to its end near the yellow house. Behind the house is the beginning of ex marked path CAI 521, now Sentiero Attrezzato Rio degli Uccelli. Follow this path until you reach the streambad (creek). The path is very demanding and sometimes in bad condition.

Description of the canyon:

50m walking

C 12m: unequipped (from the three on right) (R)

C 23m: 1 bolt and 1 piton – climb a few meters up (R)

D 5m: (L)

D 3m: (R)

D 4m: (R)

C 12m: 2X piton (L)

C 6m: 1 bolt (L)

The rest is walking and downclimbing until you reach the water barrier, downclimbing it on the left (easy).

RETURN:

After the water barrier follow the creek to the parking lot.

C = cascade

D = down climb

D+W = down climbing and walking

L = left

R = right

MC= hand line (traverse)

Note:

The Canyon is equipped by Martin Friedl and we made first repetition after Martin. Canyoning Cult (David Sefaj, Georg Buol, Robert Zerovec and Tom Prettnner) on 13th of March 2015.

