

# Rio Storto

## Description:

Rio Storto is a shorter neighbor of more famous canyons Novarza and Lumiei and it flows into the Lago di Sauris. It is a quite fun aquatic canyon with a lot of really nice small jumps and slides into the deep green pools. The canyon is not very deep but preatty enclosed in it is full length, with nice polished rock and has very beautiful corridors where you need to swim. Rio Storto is a little gem and it is very strange why was discovered so late (2015).

## Zone:

Italy – Friuli – Sauris

## Dimensions:

Entrance: 1130 m

Exit: 980 m

Height: 150 m

Length: 1000 m

## Period

June - October

## Times:

Approach: 5 min (with 1 car 5 minutes and with 2 cars 25 minutes)

Progression: 2 h

Return: 3 min (to the bridge over the Rio Storto)

## Shuttle:

Yes, 2km. (Shuttle is not necessary, between the first and the second parking lot is approximately 20 minutes of road walk)

## Equipment:

Expedition (with 10mm bolts with maillons and slings)

## Rope:

1 x 40m

## Highest waterfall:

18 m

## Possible exit

Yes, but probably very hard

## Maps:

Carta Tabacco 2

**Attraction:**  
Local

**Difficulty:**  
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**Access:**  
From Tolmezzo take the road to Villa Santina. In Villa Santina take the road to Ampezzo and from Ampezzo drive to Sauris. When you reach the lake Lago di Sauris, immediately turn left and cross the dam. Follow the road through the tunnel and on the first sharp bend turn right on the gravel road (first road on the right). Follow this road 150m to the bridge over the Rio Storto and park your first car near the bridge. With the second car drive back to the main road and follow the road uphill, after fourth serpentine (sharp bend) is a long straight road section and when you reach the fifth sharp bend turn right on the dirt road which leads you to the Rio Storto. This road crosses the Rio Storto and the best parking lot is on the other side of the streambed of Rio Storto.

**Approach:**

From the parking lot follow the streambed of Rio Storto to the first cascade (5 minutes).

**Description of the canyon:**

**T 3 + J3m**

**T 1m**

**C 10m:** 1 bolt with maillon (L)

**T 2m**

**D 2m**

**C 7 or J6m:** 1 bolt with rope (L)

**MC 3m:** 1 bolt (L)

**C 18m:** 2 bolts with rope and maillon (L) – rappel 14m to the ledge and jump 3 meters

**W 40m**

**D 15m:** (R) rockfall

**J 2.5m**

**D+W 100m**

**J 4m**

**J3m**

**T3m**

**C6m:** 1 bolt with ring (L)

**wedged logs**

**T2 + 2m**

**C8m:** 1 bolt with carabiner (R)

**D 3m**

**C11m:** 1 bolt with ring (R)

**T 2 + 2m**

**C 6m:** 2 bolts with rope and maillon (L) – old wooden water barrier

**D 2 + 2m**

**bridge over the canyon** (possible exit on the left)

**T 1m**

**T1m** (exit on R or L)

**D 2+2m**

**T 3m**

**D2m**

**Lake Lago di Sauris**

**RETURN:**

When you reach the lake climb uphill on the left to the road and bridge over the Rio Storto.

*C = cascade*

*D = down climb*

*D+W = down climbing and walking*

*J = jump*

*T = slide*

*L = left*

*R = right*

*MC= hand line (traverse)*

**Note:**

First descent by Alessandro de Santis and company in July 2015.

First repetition: Canyoning Cult on 23 th of August 2015