

Rio della Stua (Rio Navis)

Description:

Rio della Stua is a creek in Alta Val Tagliamento and is a right tributary of Tagliamento, located near Socchieve. The canyon is formed by two tributaries, Rio della Stua and Rio Cullar and its lower part is marked as Rio Navis on Tabacomap. The canyon is very discontinuous in its nature but offers some nice jumps up to 6 meters and some short slides. The water is very clear and the pools have a nice green colour. The checkpoint is easy to reach from the lower parking place in 10 minutes. The water is going into the gravel after the last cascade, so it is worth to visit the checkpoint.

Zone:

Italy – Friuli – Alta Val Tagliamento

Dimensions:

Entrance: 720 m

Exit: 440 m

Height: 280 m

Length: 1600 m

Period

April - October

Times:

Approach: 25 min

Progression: 2'5 h

Return: 15 min

Shuttle:

Yes, 2km.

Equipment:

Expedition (with 10mm bolts with rings)

Rope:

1 x 50m

Highest waterfall:

23 m

Possible exit

Yes, many.

Maps:

Attraction:

Local

Difficulty:

V3 a2 II

Access:

From Tolmezzo take the road to Villa Santina. In Villa Santina take the road to Ampezzo, cross Enemonzo and then take the exit for Socchieve. Drive through Socchieve, cross the dry riverbed of Torrente Lumiei and cross the very narrow bridge over the Tagliamento. After the bridge turn right and cross another bridge over Rio Navis (Rio della Stua) and park your vehicle on the left side of the bridge. With the second car drive uphill, at the second junction turn left to the Casera Val and park your car at the end of the asphalt road on the top of the hill.

Approach:

From the parking lot follow the gravel road on the right, till the end of the road. At the end of the road go 10 meters uphill and you will find an old path which leads you almost horizontally to the creekbed of Rio della Stua (big stone wall on the left).

Description of the canyon:

T or J 2m

C 18m: 1 bolt with ring (R)

C 6m: 1 bolt with ring (R)

D+W 200m: easy

C 17m: 1 bolt with ring (R) – on the left side of the big boulder

W 40m

T or J 3m

T 3'5m

C 15m: 1 bolt with ring (R)

Small inlet from the right.

D+W 150m

J 6m (R)

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C 22m: tree with rope and chain ring (L)

D 15 m (R)

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Confluence with big dry creek.

W 40m

J 4m

W 200 m: inlet from the right

T 3m

Dam (not dangerous)

D+W 200m

C 23m: 1 bolt with ring (L) – on the front of the boulder , exposed

RETURN:

After the last cascade follow the creekbed circa 50 meters, then turn left on the path. Follow this path until it reaches the dry creekbed again and continue to the bridge.

C = cascade

D = down climb

D+W = down climbing and walking

J = jump

T = slide

L = left

R = right

MC= hand line (traverse)

Note:

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