

Rio Repepit

Description:

Rio Repepit is a steep creek located in Val Raccolana. One cascade follows another with almost no walking between them. This is a rather fun descent you can even do after strong rains. The approach is part of the adventure.

Zone:

Italy – Friuli – Val Raccolana

Dimensions:

Entrance: 780 m

Exit: 460 m

Height: 320 m

Length: 450 m

Period

April - October

Times:

Approach: 45 min

Progression: 2h 30min

Return: 1 min

Shuttle:

No

Equipment:

Expedition (with 10mm bolts with rings)

Rope:

2 x 70m

Highest waterfall:

70 m

Possible exit

One good exit where the approach path crosses the canyon

Maps:

Carta Tabacco 27

Attraction:

Local

Difficulty:

V4 a1 III

Access:

From Chiusaforte take the road to Sella Nevea. After you pass the branch-off to Patocco you soon reach a signposted small parking place with a memorial stone right below the last waterfall. Space for 2-3 cars

Approach:

Cross the small canyon of Torrente Raccolana using an old bridge and turn left. Enter the gravel-bed of the river and go upstream for about 200m to a point where the rockface touches the creekbed. Just before this point climb up steeply to the right to reach an old trail. Follow this trail to the right. It's quite overgrown but its foundation is always visible. In the upper part the path follows a rocky ramp with many men-made steps. Cross the creek and follow the switchbacks going left (don't follow the animal traces to the right). When you reach the walls above the path turns to the left and crosses the valley high above the canyon. There are several exposed crossing in this part so be extra careful when the ground is wet. Enter the canyon below a 25m waterfall with a nice pool.

Description of the canyon:

C 5m: Tree to the right (maybe slideable)

D : 2 small cascades in a rocky channel

C 20m: 1 Bolt with ring (R)

C 32m: tree with rope on the right

C 50m: 2 bolts with rings (L), this rappel can get quite aquatic in high water.

Beginning of a corridor

C 6m: from a sling (L)

C 8m: 1 bolt with ring (L)

T+W: several small slides, corridor ends

C 24m: 1 bolt with ring (R)

C 12m: tree on the left

D+W 50m: pass two cascades on the right

The approach path crosses the creek

C 60m: slings on tree (L)

C 10m: 1 bolt with ring (L)

C 70m: Chain (L)

RETURN:

Cross Torrente Raccolana just above the short canyon to reach the parking place

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 Canyoning Cult (David Sefaj, Thomas Prettnner, Georg Buol) on 23th of Spetemberl 2017. The sling for the 60m waterfall has been left by ice-climbers