

Arzino 0

Description:

Arzino 0 is a short but intensive canyon with a large amount of water throughout the whole year, located in the Val d'Arzino. In this canyon you can find some really nice but difficult rappels, delicate jumps, deep green pools, some swimming passages and a strong current. Canyon is very technical but with proper water flow it provides a lot of satisfaction and intensive fillings. River Arzino is very well known for its beautiful emerald color and it is probably the most beautiful river in Friuli region. The canyon is named Arzino 0, because this river has already 4 canyons in its lower reaches, named Arzino 1,2,3 and 4 which are more suitable for kayak. **Canyon is not suitable for beginners!**

Zone:

Italy – Friuli – Val d'Arzino

Dimensions:

Entrance: 570 m

Exit: 460 m

Height: 110 m

Length: 900 m

Period

August - November (Avoid it after rain.)

Times:

Approach: 10 min (with 1 car or 1 min with 2 cars)

Progression: 1,5 - 2 h

Return: 15 min (with 1 car or 5 min with 2 cars)

Shuttle:

No (Shuttle is not necessary)

Equipment:

Expedition (with 10mm bolts with maillons and slings)

Rope:

1 x 50m

Highest waterfall:

23 m

Possible exit

Yes (many, on the left side)

Maps:

Carta Tabacco 13

Attraction:

Regional

Difficulty:

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Access:

From Tolmezzo (near Centro sportivo) take the road to Verzegnis and Chialcis, cross the bridge over Tagliamento river and drive to village Chialcis. In Chialcis take the road to Sella Chianzuran, cross the saddle and drive downhill into Val d'Arzino. On your right you will see the turning (sign) for Pozzis, drive onward through 2 very sharp bends and approximately 500 meters further on you will come on the small parking lot on the right side. On the left side is there is a very small chapel and iron cross. From direction of Udine is better to drive on the road to Spilimbergo – Flagogna – Sequalins – San Francesco.

Checkpoint:

The checkpoint is on the entrance of the canyon or 70 m lower from the small metal bridge, which is accessible from the large parking before the sharp road bend. **Do not enter the canyon, if the water flow is higher than 0.5m on the webpage: Protezione Civile.fvg.it, better is 0.4m.**

Approach:

From the parking lot follow the road uphill to the first sharp bend. On the left side of this bend take the sand (dirt) road which leads to the bridge over the Arzino (20 m from the main road). Here is the entrance for the canyon.

Description of the canyon:

C 3m: 1 bolt with maillon (R)

D 1.5m: (L) - exposed

MC 1m : 1 bolt (L) – hard to reach

C 11m: 1 bolt with maillon (L) – into the flow

T 1.5m

T 3m: On the right side of the flow into the very turbulent pull (white water), it is advisable to protect with rope.

C 18m: 1 bolt with maillon (L) – Don't jump in to the first pool (no exit), the rappelling point (bolt) is far on the left on a small rock covered with grass (it is very difficult to find). On the bottom of the fall you need to cross the stream to the right side (on the rope).

J 1,5m: (turbulent pool)

J 10m: Down climb 1 meter (exposed) and jump to the middle of the pool in white water (pool is not very deep). (L)

C 23m: sling with maillon on tree (L) – It is difficult to reach but the rappel is out from the water.

T 1m

D+W 400m: very easy

Swim 30m

RETURN:

After the last swimming passage you will see remnants of the old concrete coverage (old dam) and a little gully in the wood on the left side (50 m. before the dam). Climb on this gully 20 meters and you will reach a good path which leads uphill to the parking lot.

C = cascade

D = down climb

D+W = down climbing and walking

S = shout (jump)

T = slide

L = left

R = right

MC= hand line (traverse)

Note:

First descent by Hannes Holzer and Gerhard Berger on 23 th of August 2015.

First repetition: Canyoning Cult on 8 th of January 2016