

Černi potok (Rio Nero)

Description

An interesting route with a succession of alternating pools of emerald green water, technical pitches under the water flow that finish in turbulent pools, jumps, winding and narrow passages, and areas where the riverbed widens. Cold water with high flow rates (150 l/s). Beware that the hydrological catchment area is very large with many tributaries feeding the canyon. Descend this canyon only under stable weather conditions.

Zone

Friuli Venezia Giulia - Val Resia (UD)

Elevation and length

Entrance	705 m
Exit	347 m
Height difference	358 m
Length	2500 m
Highest pitch	18 m

Advised decent period

From May to October

Exposure

North

Timings

Approach	1 h 30 mins
Descent	5 h
Return	15 mins

Shuttle

None

Anchors

Sufficient

Advised ropes

1 of 40 m + emergency rope

Gear

Complete wetsuit, bolting kit

Escapes

Path n° 703 crosses the canyon between pitches 12 and 13. Otherwise, there is the possibility to exit the riverbed at numerous points.

Map

Carta Tabacco 1:25000 foglio n° 027 - Canin – Val Resia

Interest

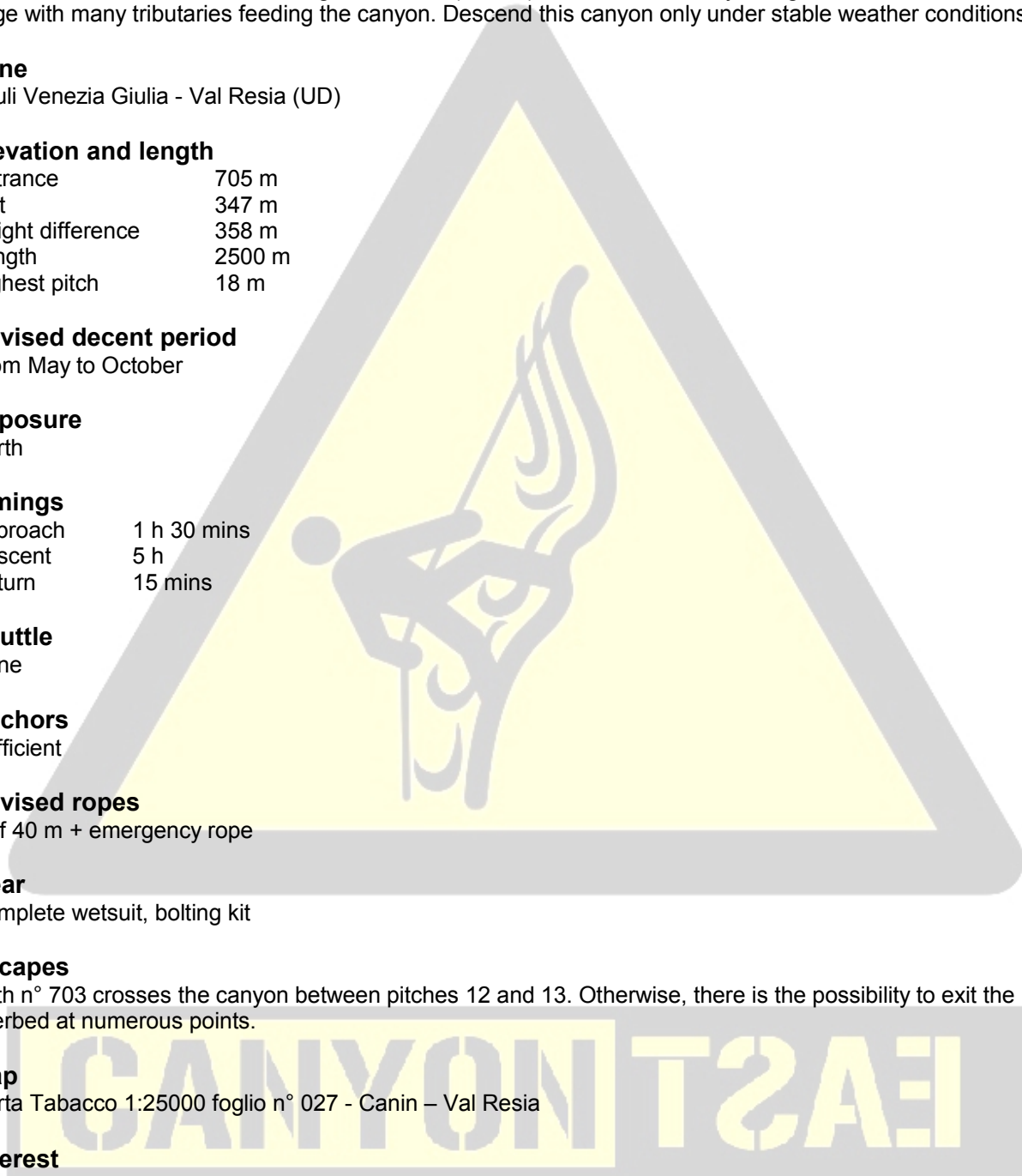
Regional

Difficulty

V3 a4 V

Coordinates (WGS84) for start of the path

46° 22' 45,84"N 13° 15' 19,08"E



Coordinates (WGS84) of the riverbed access point (lower part)

46° 21' 42,12"N 13° 15' 7,56"E

Approach to the valley (car park)

From Resiutta follow the provincial road SP 42 of Val Resia that runs along the River Resia. After about 4 km, between a sign that indicates the passing of wild animals and an open space (left), follow the dirt road on the right that leads into the river bed where you can park the car. Alternatively, you can park in the open space to the left along the main road.

Approach to the canyon (walking)

Cross the stream Resia and follow the clear track up to some houses. A little further along, the path n° 703 starts that leads to the "Casera Rio Nero". The path climbs steeply along the bank on the orographic left of the Rio Nero up to where it crosses on a wooden bridge. The bridge crosses over the lower part of the canyon at a distance approximately 1/4 of the descent distance. To continue to the start of the upper canyon, after the bridge, continue gaining height on a scree slope with steep and tight bends that goes around a headland and a tributary. Continue uphill through the woods, followed by a slight descent where the path approaches the canyon and from where you can see and hear the first waterfall. It is recommended that you enter the stream where the riverbed becomes flat, and a resurgence enters from the orographic left.

Description and technical notes

01 - D 2

02 - P 6 L / D 3 + J 3

03 - P 8 R

04 - P 6 L / D 3 + J 3

05 - D 2

06 - P 15 L

07 - P 15 L - possible J 8

08 - P 8 R - possible J 2

Walking for approx. 100 m

09 - P 6 L

10 - D 5

11 - J 2

12 - J 2

Walking for approx. 100 m

13 - T 2

14 - J 4

Walking for approx. 150 m

Possible exit onto path n° 703 that crosses the canyon

Walking for approx. 100 m

15 - P 8 R - possible J 8

16 - P 12 R - cavity R !!!

17 - P 6 onto boulders in the centre / D L

18 - P 8 R

19 - P 4 L - possible T – turbulent pool !!!

20 - P 5 L

21 - J 4 L

Walking for approx. 100 m

22a - Possible passage underground D 6 R (control the flow rate)

22b - P 8 L

23 - D 10 L

24a - P 8 R

24b - P 8 onto boulders in the centre

25 - D 6 L between boulders / D 3+4 R + J 2 (control the flow rate)

26 - P 8 L

27 - D 4 - siphon !!!

28 - P 15 R

29 - J 3 L

Walking for approx. 150 m

30 - P 5 R

31a - P 10 R - turbulent pool !!!

31b - MC + P 12 L + DEV L

32 - J 2

Exit

After the last jump, continue on the left bank until intercepting the path n° 703 that was taken during the approach. Continue down to the car.

Notes

The first descent was in 2004 by Piercarlo Toffoletti and members for the speleological group "Forum Julii" of Cividale.