

Rio Nuccí

Nuccí-express, Ciol del Nuccí

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Friuli Venezia Giulia **Subregion:** ente di decentramento regionale di Pordenone **Town:** Claut

Difficulty: difficult

Grading: v5 a3 V

Total time: 10h

Approachtime: 3h45

Tourtime: 6h

Returntime: 15min

Altitude entry: 2000m

Altitude exit: 730m

Delta Altitude: 1270m

Canyon length: 3500m

Highest rapell: 67m

Amount rapells: 50

Transport: on Foot

Rock type: dolomite

drainage area: km²

Season: May - October

Orientation: Southeast

Best Time: 9-15 o'clock

Rating: ★ 4 (2)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 2 (2)

Warnings:

Thicks

Thick rating 3/3 - use of long pants, high socks, long t-shirt, insect repellent and cautiously checking for thicks is recommended.

European sandviper / horned viper

Presence of venomous vipers - check the trail cautiously, use of a walking stick can be interesting in the high grass.

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x70m + Notseil

Summary:

One of the longest and most recent tours in the Dolomites, with 2 entrances described. A canyon of major dimensions (1200m of equipped waterway) in a rarely visited part of the Val Settimana.

An intricate flow system, with multiple tributaries, gives life to Nucci in an impressive Dolomite gorge. Possibility to make the descent shorter via tributary Ciol Bevador: Nuccí-express.

Hydrology:

A trickle of water is possible at the start, after it filters away but comes back soon, with multiple tributaries and karstic layers bringing life (and depth) to Nucci. Snowremains are possible in the upper Nucci.

Access:

Claut - Val Settimana - park by Stalle Nuccí (second barn on the opposite side of main river), from 1st weekend of July there is a road fee 3 EUR/car, payable in cash or card. The road becomes more exposed to landslides after Nuccí, and has been closed several times after extreme weather events (info on FB/IG pages of the Dolomiti Friulane), if so: (e-)bike is a wonderful solution.

Approach:

Trail 385 is no longer maintained, but still marked red/white most of the time and becoming better as more canyoneers go. Update: blue markings and the occasional cairn have been added, up until the entrance for Nucci-express (count 2hrs).

Cross the main river, walk past the Stalle Nuccí (stable), cross Río Nuccí immediately after, walk gently up river left, towards the gorge at first and take the steep trail diagonally up the woods and away from the canyon, sometimes disappearing in the high grass, sometimes involving minor scrambling¹. At alt. 1200 there is an exposed traverse going left towards a small tributary canyon, hike up this little canyon for just a few meters and traverse/climb back in the woods.

Now, there are 3 options:

1. Continue to alt. 2000m for the full Nuccí. Offline gps will be useful, the trail is faint at least. Full canyon is described.
2. Enter tributary Ciol Bevador at alt. 1480m. (leave trail 385 around alt. 1540m.) for a longer 'Nuccí-express' (bolted, but not described)
3. Enter tributary Ciol Bevador alt. 1210m. (leave trail 385 around alt. 1300m., always following the blue markings) for a short version of 'Nuccí-express' (described).

Tour:

Nucci-express - entrance alt. 1210m / shortest version with 500m. elevation loss - via Ciol Bevador

Leave trail 385 at alt. 1300m., traverse down to tributary Ciol Bevador (mostly dry) at entrance alt. 1210m. (blue markings lead the way)

1 natural anchor/tree with rope & quicklink, right bank, 35m

1 bolt, right bank, 10m

1 bolt with ring (+ old ones), right bank, double drop, 35m

1 bolt with ring (+ old ones), right bank, 30m

Traverse right into the main gorge

2 bolts one with ring, left bank, 25m

1 bolt with ring (mid-belay station), right bank, 15m

1 bolt, left bank, 6m or slide

2 bolts, left bank, 12m (top of the 67m waterfall = possible with 70m ropes)

OR: 1 chain, room for two persons, left bank, 55m, recommended.

OR: 'emergency bolt', right bank, far, on a boulder on the ledge, at around -25m from the top

Downclimb 5m

1 bolt + ring, left bank, 10m

1 bolt + ring, left bank, 12m

2 bolts one with ring, left bank, 20m

1 bolt + ring, left bank, 12m

1 bolt + ring, right bank, 15m

2 bolts one with ring + natural anchor, left bank, 25m

2 bolts one with ring, left bank, 15m

1 bolt, right bank, 12m

1 natural anchor/trees, right bank, 25m

1 bolt, right bank, 12m

1 bolt left bank, or natural anchor right bank, 15m

1 bolt, left bank, 6m

1 bolt, right bank, 17m (2 lines at different locations)

2 bolts one with ring, in the middle, 15m

2 bolts, right bank, 20m (Arrival of another tributary to Nucci)

1 natural anchor, in the middle, 12m

1 natural anchor, right bank, 12m

1 bolt, left bank, 15m

Nucci integrale entrance alt. 2000m.

Downclimb to alt. 1900m.

1 bolt, with easily recognisable orange rope as quicklink, in the middle, 45m

1 bolt (cert.), left bank, 60m

1 bolt, with orange rope, left bank, 22m

Downclimb 15m

1 bolt + ring, right bank, 10m

1 natural anchor, in the middle, 15m

1 bolt + ring, right bank, 22m

Snowremains, but canyon dry

Downclimb 5m

1 bolt + ring, in the middle, 55m

Large snowremains

1 bolt, right bank, 30m

1 bolt + ring, in the middle/below a platform, 30m

Horizontal avalanche alley below the remarkable Pale de Candele, walk

1 natural anchor, left bank, 45m

Tributary right bank + source

1 bolt + ring, right bank, 45m

1 bolt + quicklink, right bank, 25m to a platform

Return:

Follow Nuccí to the main river, or find the trail of the approach on your left, and back to the car, crossing the main river once again.

Coordinates:

Parking Entry and Exit [46.3082 12.5252](#)

Canyon Start [46.3255 12.5201](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.3186 12.5226](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.3166 12.5204](#)

Reports:

2024-04-30 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★ | 🌊 High | 🍏 Completed

Done Nucci-express. Impressive to see it finally with high flow. Added chain for intermediate belay in the big waterfall. Team members enjoyed the approach and ambiance in the gorge.

2023-09-23 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

Rio Nuccí (ultra express) was back at early summer flow after yesterday's rain. To our content also some sun in the canyon. All anchors ok. Added some quicklinks. One idea for next time to make the 63m shorter. Some markings on the approach disappearing. Recorded a track for the approach.

First descent: 09.07.2023 by Jeroen Kirchner, Gerhard Berger, Hendrik Noot, Nuno Costa