

Val Vielia I-III

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Country: Italia / Italy Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia Subregion: Pordenone Town: Tramonti di Sopra		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a4 IV	Total time: 8h40
Approachtime: 2h30	Tourtime: 5h30	Returntime: 40min
Altitude entry: 1250m	Altitude exit: 660m	Delta Altitude: 590m
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 40m	Amount rapells: 23
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 5 (3)	Info: ★ 3 (2)	Belay: ★ 2.5 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x40m/ 1x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) The water is quite cold even in high summer, but crystal clear. No cell phone reception along the entire canyon - only at the parking lot The Vielia I - IV is the longest and one of the most beautiful tours in Friuli. However, all 4 parts in one day can be done only in midsummer, when there is enough daylight. In addition, if you want to do all 4 parts in one day, you should really be physically top fit. The access alone to part 1 with 5.5 km horizontal as the crow flies and 800 Hm in high summer is quite demanding. In addition, the 4th part of all is the most demanding with a lot of water contact, long swims and canyoning technical challenges. The good thing about the Vielia is that you can combine different parts or do not have to do all 4 parts at once, because between the parts you always come back to the path 377 and can descend again via it. In sum, the Vielia is certainly one of the most beautiful canyons in Friuli, which makes every canyoning heart beat faster. Nevertheless, it should not be underestimated, because in the sections themselves (except for part 1) you will find very few escape possibilities and also in case of any accidents practically can not get out of the canyon. Vielia I Characteristics: Part 1 of the Vielia is the least frequented part of the Vielia, which is due to the nevertheless longer access. It is often described as not so rewarding, although this evaluation - if any - could only come about in comparison with the dreamlike parts II - IV. The characteristics of the upper part is more open, but quite here also aquatic with very nice rappel passages and partly deep pools. In emergencies, one would escape from the canyon in several places at the part I of the Vielia or at least get to higher places. Vielia III Olympic Pool: It starts with a 25m rappel into an approximately 30m swim. When you get to the bottom you are in a dark swim section. The beginning feels almost a bit cave-like and the limestone is colonized year-round with dark red algae, making for a gorgeous play of colors. In the swim section, small springs come down from the left, forming a kind of rain curtain. At the exit of the swim section, ortographic left, there is a small stone depression with an anchor for a rope traverse. It is recommended to use this anchor, because this place is usually very slippery. The rope traverse is built for about 3m to the jumping-off point in the so-called "Olympic Pool". This place is an absolute natural spectacle. You come out of the dark corridor and towards the Olympic Pool the gorge opens up, allowing more sun to fall into the pool. Springs come in from the left, forming a curtain of rain, and with the right amount of sunlight, it feels like there are silver pieces pattering in the pool. The Olympic Pool is deep turquoise and with a spirited jump forward you dive into this natural spectacle after flying 6m. In high summer (July/August) you should be at this spot between 11:30 and 12:30 to find the most ideal light conditions.		

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From the freeway exit Carnia/Tolmezzo follow the SS52 direction Forni di Sopra/Mauria Pass. After about 25 min and 23.3km turn left at km29 from the SS52 onto the SR552 towards Tramonti / Passo Rest. After 7km (about 10 min) on this road you enter the Tagliamento Valley. You continue on the SR552 over the Tagliamento bridge over the REST mountain pass for about 15km (25 min). Then you go over the bridge of the Vielia for about 1,5km until km "24 I ". Here you can park both on the left and on the right of the road and the marked path 377 starts directly from here. ATTENTION: If you decide to walk the Vielia IV you have to park the cars in a different way (transfer). See tour description Vielia IV.

Approach: (machine translated)

ca. 2,5h -3h

(Vielia III 1h - 1:15;

Vielia II 1:30 - 1:45

Vielia I 2:30 - 3h)

The access to Vielia is easy to find, as you always stay on path 377 that goes through Val Vielia. At the beginning of the path you make a few meters of altitude before you reach the Val Vielia after about 20-25 min. From there on, the path climbs gently through beech woods.

After about 40-45 min you will come close to the streambed of the Vielia for the first time. Here is the entry to part IV (approx. 660Hm).

You stay on the path for about 20-30 min, slightly ascending, and then you are at the entry to part III. Here you can see footprints that lead downhill through the forest to the Vielia (approx. 800m).

To get to the entry of part II of the Vielia, stay on path 377 for another 30 minutes, which now also has some slight climbs inside. From time to time you can see into the gorge of part II. The entry to part II is at 930Hm at old ruins of a house.

Now follows the most strenuous climb of the access to the Vielia - namely to Part I. Here you have to climb quite a few meters and you should be in good physical condition if you want to go up to part I. One continues for about an hour, partly steeply uphill, before one gets unmistakable at 1250Hm insight on a gravelly plateau and is right next to the Vielia. Here is the entry to part I.

Tour: (machine translated)

approx. 5:15-5:45h

(Vielia III: 1:15;

Vielia II: 1:30;

Vielia I: 2:30-3h)

Vielia I:

Part I starts with a small jump and a 5m rappel. A few smaller rappels follow before you are faced with the first and only tighter section of Part I. A 16m rappel leads to a narrow corridor, which you leave climbing on a clamping block. Then follows the highest rappel of the whole Vielia tour - a 40m rappel over 2 sloping passages, interrupted by a small flat section in between.

This is followed by 4 rappels up to 20m high, until you come to a 7m-high place, which you can either rappel dry or, for very experienced jumpers, also jump. Here, however, it is mandatory to hit a very small spot (about 1.5m x 1.5m) when jumping, so that you don't hit the rocks that come under water from the left and right into the pool.

190m M+E follow until you come to a place where you have to cross the slippery streambed very carefully and downclimb slightly before you come to the rappelling place or. on the right. This spot can either be rappelled dry 20m or you can rappel about 14m and jump the remaining 6m into the deep pool. After another 10m rappel into a deep pool, you are faced with the highest rappel cascade of the Vielia tour: about 60m, divided into a 25m section and a 35m section.

After this point you have completed part I of the Vielia and it follows 15-20 min M+E until you get to part II. Here it pays or. right to get out of the stream and follow the path to the entry of Vielia 2.

Vielia II:

At Vielia II, aquatic and jump fans get their money's worth. With a total of 8 jumps in part II, this is certainly the highlight for anyone who likes to jump. After the first 5 jumps and a spot of about 120 m M+E+swim you come to the so called "Hypnotic Pool".

The Hypnotic Pool is a relatively dark looking place that jump fanatics can jump (about 15m), but it can also be rappelled. The Hypnotic Pool is also the start of the narrow part of the 2nd section, where after a small rappel and a jump follows a beautiful rock gate. It is important to use the belaystation orthographic right (C5 right) and not to rappel into the crevice. In the crevice you can't get through the water surge, because it is extremely bundled at the rock gate. After the rock gate, the gorge opens up again a bit and you are faced with the highest rappel in the 2nd part. After the small final jump into the long pool, the next 20-minute M+E follows immediately, which then leads to Part III. Up to the hypnotic pool one has the possibility to get out of the canyon in case of emergency.

Vielia III:

Part III of Vielia starts at about 800 m+E and first has 2 jumps in the open terrain. Then you come to the first rappel point, which marks the "point of no return" for the entire part III. From here on you have no escape possibility for the rest of part III.

At the same time, you have to be careful at this first rappel, especially at higher water levels, because a syphon can form here. The rappel tempts one to rappel or. left following the course of the water. This leads into a pool that can only be exited through a hole of about 1m. At low water a super photo motif, at higher water levels quite dangerous. To avoid this place you should keep orthographic right, which can be unpleasant for inexperienced rappellers, because you have to rappel against the inclination of the wall and the natural course of the rope. For experienced canyon climbers, however, this is not a problem.

After 2 more 6m jumps into crystal clear, turquoise blue pools you come to one of the most beautiful canyoning passages in Friuli - the passage to and the jump into the Olympic Pool (see special features).

After the Olympic Pool, a large cold inlet or. right enters the canyon. The water is more than doubled here and when you jump into the pool you notice that the water is suddenly several degrees cooler compared to the Olympic Pool.

There is a small rappel and a jump before you reach the exit of part III after a small swimming passage and come out directly at the access point to part IV.

The Vielia Part III is certainly one of the most beautiful canyoning passages there is. At the same time, only experienced canyoneers should enter this part, as it definitely has its danger spots, especially at higher water levels.

Return: (machine translated)

approx. 40min

Immediately after leaving the swimming passage of the Vielia III you can climb up again to the right to the hiking trail 377 (approx. 10Hm). Then you simply go back the way you went up before.

Attention: If you want to do the Vielia IV you have to be aware that the canyoning challenges are more demanding than those of parts I-III. In addition, you are still at least 3.5 hours in the Vielia IV with a lot of water contact and sometimes longer walking and swimming distances, without a meaningful exit option if you are too exhausted.

If you want to do the part IV, but you don't want to risk anything, you can do the Vielia IV the next day and deposit a part of the canyoning equipment at the exit of part III. This way you don't have to carry the canyoning equipment down and up again the next day.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.3313 12.7423](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.3357 12.7613](#)

Canyon End [46.3360 12.7759](#)

Reports:

2024-08-27 | Jason Walker | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★ | 🌊 Low | 👍 Completed

Sections II and III. Absolutely fantastic. Super clear water, stacks of awesome jumps, and the bottom of the III section is reason enough to walk in! II had plenty of jumps, and was only another 10-15 minutes walk up from the start of III. All the anchors were fine. We walked in from the north, rather than the classic way. It was about 1:15 in to the bottom of section III.

2024-08-15 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 👍 Completed

Have renovated missing anchors today. The canyon was really nice but slippery at the moment. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚 | |

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Parts:

Val Vielia I-III, v4 a4 IV, 2h30+5h30+40min

Val Vielia IV, v3 a5 V, 45min+3h30+5min