Male Vesse amont (II)

Male Vesse amont,Male Vesse II,Torrent de Male Vesse superior

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-de-Haute-Provence **Town:** Prads Haute Bleone

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 V	**Total time:**
Approachtime: 5h	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:**
Altitude entry: 2100m	**Altitude exit:** 1600m	**Delta Altitude:** 500m
Canyon length: 2400m	**Highest rapell:** 112m	**Amount rapells:** 19
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (2)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x70m+1x60m+1x45m

Summary: (machine translated)
High alpine rappel canyon

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Digne-Les-Bains on the D 900, 14 km in the direction of Gap or from Gap 90 km (also on the D 900) in the direction of Digne as far as the village of La Javie. Here turn east onto the D 107 and up the Bleone valley to Prads (12.5 km from Javie). Continue along the Bleone. After about 4 km, take the dirt road on the right as far as the barrier. Park your vehicle here.

Approach: (machine translated)
A few meters after the parking lot, you cross the streambed of the Male Vesse, where the water may be hidden under the gravel. We continue along the dirt road and then take the well-signposted hiking trail to the Refuge d'Estrop (2050 m above sea level).
After spending the night at the refuge, the next morning we take the hiking trail towards the summit of Estrop, winding northwards up the broad slope. Where the slope becomes somewhat flatter and the path bends to the east (at about 2460 m above sea level), we continue to climb without a path in the previous direction to the lowest point of the ridge towering in front of us (2530 m above sea level).
We cross the ridge and descend the wide ridge in the large basin on the other side, initially continuing in a northerly direction, before keeping more to the right at a solitary tree, crossing a small ridge and finally reaching the streambed of the Male Vesse. The first high rappel is clearly visible as a dark area relatively early on in the descent.
You can also enter the Male Vesse pre-amont (I) at 2700 m above sea level (see web links), but the uppermost parts in the wide basin do not necessarily seem worthwhile.
Although there is also a direct ascent to the ridge, it is much more pleasant via the hut. You can reserve a place to sleep by calling 0492310701 (from Germany with the French prefix and omit the zero at the beginning of the number).

Tour: (machine translated)
The tour begins with a 112m high cauldron, which is rappelled after about 65m (2008). In the book by Fiorina/Jourdan/Tordjman, transfers are marked after 35/50/35 m. This is followed by about 17 more rappels (possibly also some slides and smaller jumps) until the exit after the second part.
At the exit, you reach a longer part (pure running route) where the canyon widens and flat meadow areas can be found on the righthand side. This is the exit of the Male Vesse amont part. There is a bivouac here and you can climb up to the right to the Pont de Dédédou - from there the path leads down into the valley.
The route should only be attempted after the snow has melted, i.e. preferably in late August/early September.

Return: (machine translated)
As a rule, this is followed by an ascent of the lower parts of Male Vesse aval (III). If you want or need to get off, see the Male Vesse III approach description (in the opposite direction).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.2717 6.4978
Canyon End 44.2568 6.4911

Reports:

2026-09-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) MaleVesse… sûrement le plus beau canyon du 04.L’accès est easy pour quelqu’un qui a l’habitude de faire de la montagne.Présence de névés dans la partie amont. Petit filet d’eau au niveau de la C112. Nous avons poursuivi sur la partie aval qui est encore plus belle. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

2026-09-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) Ouf alors que dire , tellement de choses haha .Canyon remarquable , une première pour toute l’équipe . Nous avons réalisée cette course en 7h30 à 9.Comme dans le commentaire précédent, tempête de beau temps , c’était incroyable.Tout les relais sont ok , les névés sont encore bien présents .2h de marche de la voiture au refuge et 2h30 du refuge à l’entrée du canyon .Pour le refuge c’est 25e le repars du soir et 11 le petit déjeuner, cependant attention nous avons été très déçu du repas qui était plus que léger… sinon les demoiselles sont très gentilles .Et enfin l’accès à l’entrée du canyon est bien moins pire que ce qui est dit dans le topo surtout si on a l’habitude de la montagne .Bref il y aurait beaucoup trop à dire , c’est une course exceptionnelle, magique et magnifique , clairement un incontournable pour les amoureux du canyon !!! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

2026-09-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) Toujours un émerveillement, le cataclysme géologique ruiniforme dans la partie haute constellée de glaçons pour s'adoucir plus bas avec de multiples encaissements ayant chacun leur charme et leur caractère, impossible de se lasser !! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

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Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) Conditions exceptionnelles aujourd'hui dans Male Vesse : tempête de ciel bleu, température de l'eau carrément douce, air chaud, équipent RAS. Petit névé visible à la fin du pré-amont, et toujours 2 névés dans le canyon - le second étant symbolique. Un chamois mort récemment hors de l'eau dans l'amont. Approche en 2h30 depuis le refuge. Descente de l'amont et de l'aval en 6h30 à 7.Fait après un groupe de 8. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

2026-09-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) Toujours un émerveillement, le cataclysme géologique ruiniforme dans la partie haute constellée de glaçons pour s'adoucir plus bas avec de multiples encaissements ayant chacun leur charme et leur caractère, impossible de se lasser !! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

2026-08-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) 18/08/2026 – Male vesse Observations:First of all, we had the very unpleasant surprise of watching a huge névé collapse right in front of us. We were lucky it happened on flat ground, and that our dear Seb had basically risked his life rigging the fixed line on the C112, which, incidentally, is certainly no more than 90 metres long.So it seems that a few weeks of warm weather are probably necessary before attempting the descent.The canyon is very wild, magnificent, and always different.A real pleasure, and even though there is indeed quite a bit of walking, personally, I didn’t see the time go by at all.A few sections of loose rock that you definitely wouldn’t want to be underneath when they come down.And some magnificent pools that, on the other hand, make you want to jump straight in!Notes on the approach and return:We decided to do the canyon in two days: one day dedicated to the approach, and the other to the canyon itself.You can no longer park right by the ravine; the track has been closed about 400 m before, which isn’t really an issue. From the parking area to the refuge, count just under three hours for a reasonably fit hiker carrying a well-loaded pack.The refuge area is really nice, and the wardens are top-notch, so it’s definitely worth taking the time to enjoy a pleasant evening up at altitude.From the refuge to the ridge, the climb is pretty steep. Once you reach the col, when it’s time to leave the path leading to Tête de l’Estrop, the best option is probably to head straight up through the scree. We took the rocky band above, but it hides quite a few loose