Torrent de la Pisse (Hautes-Alpes)

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Cote-dAzur **Subregion:** Hautes-Alpes **Town:** Saint-Michel		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 II	**Total time:** 3h40
Approachtime: 1h20	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 2250m	**Altitude exit:** 1850m	**Delta Altitude:** 400m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:
Dam,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 35m

Summary: (machine translated)
An almost unbroken succession of rock ledges on beautiful sandstone slabs.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Best undertaken when the snow has melted below 2,200 m, but snowfields still remain above that elevation. April, May, and June seem to be the best months (if there was a lot of snow in the winter, April might still be too early; if there was little snow, June might already be too late). The watershed faces predominantly south. In the summer, the valley is often dry.

Access: (machine translated)
Drive to Chaillol 1600. Once in town, turn right at a large left-hand curve onto a well-maintained road (near the ski lifts). Follow this road until you reach a "No Parking" sign, where you can park. (Same parking lot as for Buissard)

Approach: (machine translated)
Continue on foot along the trail that leads straight ahead to a ford crossing the Riou de Buissard. Cross the stream and, on the opposite side, take the GR trail that leads up to the Col de la Pisse, Col de Clémens, or Col de la Venasque mountain passes. This path climbs gently.
After about an hour, you'll reach the village of "Grand Baume." From there, you can begin the descent by turning left, but it's better to continue the ascent to explore the two beautiful waterfalls a little further upstream. At the next fork in the trail, turn left (Col de la Pisse); the GR crosses the stream. From there, follow the trail to the right to arrive above the first interesting, clearly visible waterfall.

Tour: (machine translated)
An almost uninterrupted series of rock ledges on beautiful sandstone slabs. Roughly from memory, as seen from the upper trail:
- Downclimb or bypass a PI
- C35: Single-point anchor on the right for MC or a 10-meter rappel, then another single-point anchor on the right for the next 25 meters
- 3 rock ledges to descend or bypass
- Trail
- R5: Descend or AN on the right (RG)
- Rock ledges and hollows over 15 m (bypass on the right, RG)
- C30: Single-point anchor on the right (RG)
- C15/20: Tricky bypass on the right (RD); no anchor point seen in 2020
- PI 6: Optional anchor on the right (RD)
- C30 (?): Single-point anchor on the right (RG)
- C15: No anchor seen in 2020; anchor far away on the right (RD) (therefore R25/30)
- R5: bypass or descent or anchor
- Rope sequence R8 + R6 + R4: rappel 30/35 m using a single-point anchor on the right (RD)
- Descent

After the first two waterfalls, there is an easy way out (path to the right or left). After that, it becomes more difficult to retreat, but the route remains very open.

- The equipment needs to be completely overhauled; currently, it is extremely minimal, similar to an adventure course with single anchors and 8-mm bolts (alternating between chain links and Starfix plates with rings). You should plan to double these anchors and/or be aware of the situation before setting out....
- Note, Summer 2020: Presumably, not all obstacles are secured (or we didn't find the anchor points...)
- The second, broken pitch is climbed in two parts using an RG plate that is not visible from above (belay station on a curb, comfortable for two people).
- It's possible to access the site via the trail that veers right from the starting point at Buissard (not tested, but it seems to lengthen the access).
- You can easily continue climbing along the Buissard torrent and/or the Font-Froide torrent to enjoy a lovely day.

Return: (machine translated)
Arrive at the confluence with the "Font Froide" torrent. Cross the torrent and take the path on the right that leads down to the concrete ford. Walk to the large reservoir and follow the path to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.7092 6.1818
Canyon End 44.7032 6.1768
Parking Entry and Exit 44.6945 6.1702

Reports:

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