Cascade Morette Est

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Country: France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Haute-Savoie **Town:** Thônes		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 II	**Total time:** 1h20
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 690m	**Altitude exit:** 610m	**Delta Altitude:** 80m
Canyon length: 150m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: April - June	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 11-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1 x 30m, 2 x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Eastern arm of the well-known waterfalls, probably only carries water after rain / when the snow melts, a good, short addition to the western arm.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The water level under the road bridge does not match the water level in the high cascade, at the exit of the canyon a powerful spring pours into the stream.

Access: (machine translated)
Simply navigate to the "Cascade de Morette" (google maps), the small parking lot next to the garbage containers opposite the small restaurant is perfect (see GPS parking lot).

Approach: (machine translated)
15 minutes
Opposite, a path leads up through the forest. Just follow this for a good 10 minutes. The path then approaches a small forest stream. You can get dressed at the point where the path is closest to this stream. Then walk back down a good 15 meters and head down through the forest towards the edge of the drop-off (approx. 1 minute). The first anchor is an orange-colored rope sling around a large tree on the right bank.

Tour: (machine translated)
60 minutes
From here it goes 15 meters forward, be careful, extreme danger of falling rocks due to a lot of loose debris! The belay is also on the right, slightly next to the waterline on a comfortable ledge (2 single pitons with ring). From here it is a free-hanging 45 meters into the depths. You land on a small, perfectly fitting platform. I recommend 50m ropes, as it is easier to pull off from further out. Under the roof of the shallow cave is a piton with a chain link, which is connected by a rope to other anchors in the cave (not easy to see). From here C18, then right 2 single pitons with ring, C30.
In the route you actually only move without a rope to pull off the ropes at C45.
An emergency exit after the high waterfall: a rope ladder leads down in front of the stable.

Return: (machine translated)
2 minutes
At the foot of the last rappel, a faintly recognizable path on the left bank leads back to the road (1 minute), then left to the car (1 minute).

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 45.8996 6.2918

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First ascent, that something like this still exists in 2025, right next to the famous Cascade de Morette... Probably dry in summer (machine translated)

First descent: 22.05.2025 by Michael Jordan, Matthias Pickl, Dietmar Roseneder