

Rouéou

Vallon de Rouéou

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-Maritimes **Town:** Tende

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a3 II

Total time: 5h15

Approachtime: 1h30

Tourtime: 3h30

Returntime: 15min

Altitude entry: 1340m

Altitude exit: 950m

Delta Altitude: 390m

Canyon length: 1600m

Highest rapell: 35m

Amount rapells: 12

Transport: on Foot

Rock type: limestone

drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation: South

Best Time: 10-14 o clock

Rating: ★ 2.9 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)

Open rappel canyon, promising access, mostly open

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Breil-sur-Roya take the N204 up the Roya valley for approx. 18 km to Tende. In the center of this small town, turn right towards the campsite. Opposite the entrance to the campsite (C. Municipal - marker "58"), continue straight ahead along the narrow road on the right, which later becomes a dirt road. After entering the Vallon de Réfrei, pass marker "306" (lac de Pia) and keep left towards Castel Tournou until you reach marker "318". Park your car here.

Approach: (machine translated)

Now continue on foot and uphill towards Refrei and Castel Tournou (yellow markers). A path that branches off to the left at a cairn later crosses "our" stream above the last higher rappel. However, we continue straight on uphill here. After about 1 hour you reach a saddle with a small white wayside shrine and shortly before that a dark rock passage. Above it is a rock face with embrasures. Here we take the path to the left - a little indistinct at first - and after a good 10 minutes we turn left at a suitable point down to the streambed. It makes no difference whether we descend 5 minutes after the turn-off or 15 minutes later.

Tour: (machine translated)

12 rappels, initially longer, later shorter ones. The ambience is particularly interesting, even during access.

Return: (machine translated)

Either cross a path that leads to the farmstead on the right, or descend via a longer and further small rappel until the path from the farmstead crosses again (from here the 15 minutes are counted). Follow this to the right, first slightly uphill, later downhill and on the left side of the stream to the starting point.

If you choose the first exit option, do not walk to the farmstead, but descend discreetly along the right edge of the canyon until you meet the path that leads downhill from the farmstead.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [44.1302 7.6183](#)

Canyon End [44.1200 7.6169](#)

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