Saufla (amont)

Saufla Amont, Pas d'Encel,Saufla

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Wallis / Canton du Valais **Subregion:** Bezirk Saint-Maurice
Town: Champery

Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 V	**Total time:** 5h45
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 1h
Altitude entry: 1800m	**Altitude exit:** 1400m	**Delta Altitude:** 400m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 70m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 14.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Warnings:
Automatic flushing
Above the stream is a water catchment that automatically flushes itself, so you should only walk the stream late in the year, even if it looks feasible in late summer.

Specialities:
Glacier in drainage area, Dam,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 75m

Summary: (machine translated)
Saufla Amont has 2 subsections: a) and b), separated by an open run of about 200m. The upper section is a rappel in a narrow gorge, the lower section is a 25m rappel followed by the Cascade de la Sauffla with 50m.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Special care must be taken when walking on Saufla. Check water level well for superiore and inferiore.
Many narrow passages.
Inferiore has, among other things, a lot of water supply from the sides and superiore, 2 water dams where the water is pumped. These are sometimes defective and can overflow.
When entering the superiore, check that the pools are empty.

Access: (machine translated)
We leave the Autoroute du Rhône between Martigny and Lake Geneva via the Saint-Triphon exit. Via Monthey we go up the valley of the Vièze to Champéry. Continue towards the cable car and Camping du Grand Paradis. After the second stream crossing (this is already the Saufla) go left and directly along the stream (Route de Barme). 650m further on, a forest road branches off to the left, leading to the parking area for the ascent of the Saufla Aval. But we stay on the Route de Barme and continue for another 800m. Before the next stream, we park where signposted hiking trails ("Bonavau") begin (1150m altitude).

Approach: (machine translated)
We take the path to the Chalet de Bonavau at 1550m altitude. In the process we cross several times a dirt road that ends at 1440m altitude. From Bonavau we continue up to Pas d'Encel, increasingly steep. At almost 1800m altitude we cross the Saufla on a pedestrian bridge. Between the bridge and the dam wall about 100m away we climb.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Saufla Amont is divided into two parts a) and b). The first part - Le Pas d'Encel - is a narrow and incised canyon with a 70m waterfall (Several variants possible: c70; R10,R45,R20; r50,r20) The second part, set back about 200m from the first, is short and limited to a 25m rappel and the Cascade de la Sauffla with a drop of 50m. Between both parts crosses a hiking trail.

Return: (machine translated)
After the Cascade de la Sauffla (1400m altitude) out to the right and up to the trail. There right, cross the Saufla between subsection a) and b) and via the Chalet de Bonavau back down to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1397 6.8814
Canyon End 46.1446 6.8783
Parking Entry and Exit 46.1589 6.8571

Reports:

2026-10-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Saufla (amont) L'eau ne coule pas sur la première partie mais vasques bien remplies.Approche 1h en parquant vers le point 1460m à la fin de la route de Bonavau. On a ajouté un second point au relais de départ RG de la C70, ajouté un second relais au rappel suivant (il y a un relais chaîné mais bien rouillé). Ajouté un relais en RD pour la dernière cascade avant la passerelle (C12 sur le topo). 3h dans le canyon, à deux et en posant quelques ancrages + pause de midi (environ 2h de descente effective).Enchaîné sur la partie aval.Superbe descente !!! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22774/observations.html)

2026-09-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Saufla Amont Idem Natoile, canyon bien alpin donc pas mal de monopoint caché. L'eau ne coule pas du tout départ du canyon, attendre la seconde partie de l'amont pour cela. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22774/observations.html)

2024-11-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Saufla Amont Magnifique partie amont manque de temps et de préparation pour la partie aval dans la 70 bien prendre la dev rg (mono point neuf) qui mène au relais chainé en rg dans une petite grotte (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22774/observations.html)

2024-11-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Saufla Amont Top avec une bonne équipe ! Dommage que l’on ai pas pu enchaîner avec la partie aval ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22774/observations.html)

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Parts:
Saufla (amont), v4 a2 V, 1h45+3h+1h
Saufla (aval), v5 a5 V, 1h+3h+10min