La Vogealle

Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval,Canyon de la Vogealle

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Country: France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Haute-Savoie **Town:** Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h15
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 1380m	**Altitude exit:** 1030m	**Delta Altitude:** 350m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 7.50km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x70m

Summary: (machine translated)
A beautiful alpine rappel canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Geneva via Samoëns to Sixt-fer-a-Cheval, and from there on to the cirque of the same name. Parking lot at the exit (2026: 7 euros).

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the Giffre River to the Buvette du Prazon (2nd bridge). Take the left path toward the Refuge de la Vogealle. It climbs a steep section.
At the Chalets de Borets, turn right toward Bout du Monde. At the pedestrian bridge, follow the path along the stream to reach the first waterfall.
Access is also possible via the “Exit”; you’ll walk past the base of this waterfall and other equally beautiful waterfalls; it takes 20–30 minutes longer, but it’s more comfortable and allows you to check the water level.

Tour: (machine translated)
A continuous sequence of large vertical sections in a beautiful hollow with a magnificent panorama. Starting at the second rappel point (2 x 65 m), the rappel points line up perfectly one after another without having to lay the ropes down.
When the current is very strong, the start of the anchor for the final rappel is not visible from the active side.
You would have to set up this anchor on the right bank against the current to cross over to the right bank start and use it for guiding or unhooking from below.
Be careful if you’re the first to do this!

Caution: The only possible exit is at the end of the first rappel point. After that, there is no way to exit.
Caution: In the spring, when the high-altitude firn melts and is not visible from the start, the flow rate can increase significantly in the early afternoon.

History
Groupe Spéléo d’Hauteville Lompnes (M. Cavet, P. Flochon, B. Hugon) in 1989.

Notes
Beware of friction. Risk of the ropes getting caught during the first rappel (the last person should preferably use the belay station).
Currently, the MC start is in the basin at the level of the belay station, which should be used whenever possible; there are many unstable rocks on the upper MC.

Return: (machine translated)
After the final waterfall, keep to the right; after 1 km, you'll be back on the access path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1033 6.8451
Canyon End 46.1029 6.8513
Parking Entry and Exit 46.0780 6.8374
Waypoint 46.0952 6.8459
Waypoint 46.1021 6.8452
Waypoint 46.1034 6.8448

Reports:

2026-09-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle What a beautiful canyon! But be aware, our rope got stock in the first rappel when we tried to pull it back. Luckily we could walk back up to try again. This time it did work :).We will definitely come back when there is more water! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-09-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle RAS, équipement propre (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-09-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle RAS, équipement propre (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-08-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Infos : crue à lave dans le torrent de la Vogealle ce jour, entraînant un accident.https://www.ici.fr/auvergne-rhone-alpes/haute-savoie-74/sixt-fer-a-cheval/sixt-fer-a-cheval-plusieurs-personnes-surprises-par-un-coulee-de-lave-torrentielle-dans-le-canyon-de-la-vogealle-7388997Des orages très localisés et intenses ont eu lieu depuis début Août sur cette partie du massif. Ravinement important observé sur les parties amonts des bassins versants du Cirque du fer à cheval et du vallon du Bout du Monde. Le stock sédimentaire mobilisable en cas de crue est important. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-08-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle RAS sur le canyon de Vogealle, équipement au top, et débit d'eau parfait pour faire sans le haut de la combi. L'eau n'est même pas si froide. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-08-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Pf, Ras (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-08-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle petit filet d'eau , et la dernière cascade avec l'arc en ciel fabuleux canyon bien parcouru ce samedi avec 15 personnes (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-08-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Magnifique canyon dans un super cadre (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-08-01 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's fine. There are many groups in the canyon. (machine translated)

2026-07-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Equipement ras. Attention au chutes de pierres en rappelant la corde dans l’avant dernière cascade. J’ai du oublié mon sar (vert) avant la première désescalade avant le début du canyon. Si qqun me le retrouve 0687702562. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-07-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle J ai laissé un mousqueton sur un relais donc si jamais les suivants peuvent me le laisser au chalet prazon merci (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2026-07-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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