Ravine Grand-mère

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Country: France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** arrondissement de Saint-Paul **Town:** Saint-Paul		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 7h45
Approachtime: 3h	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 730m	**Altitude exit:** 330m	**Delta Altitude:** 400m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 47m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
ATTENTION: The coordinates are incorrect—check them at https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-description/22408/topographic view.html

In short: a pretty little canyon!!

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Valley side: Park in the pickup lot for SUVs (across from the church) at Rivière des Galets.
Uphill side: Drive up toward Sans Soucis (first exit after Rivière des Galets); the “Canalisation des Orangers” is signposted; park near the reservoir.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the reservoir, follow the trail (marked in yellow), which leads uphill for about 20 minutes, and then continue on to the water pipeline. Walk along the entire length of the water pipeline past the orange trees, and at the intersection with the GR trail, follow it down to the canyon.

Tour: (machine translated)
A beautiful, very rocky canyon... The rock walls in the first part are really amazing, the pools are gorgeous, and the entry flows smoothly from there... A lovely 14-meter jump in the midst of a great atmosphere.
This is followed by a slightly more challenging part with boulders and short rappels... but some people actually like that!! :)
The third part is great all around with a beautiful canyon.
In short: a pretty little canyon!!

The gear is very good... On some pitches, there’s also gear for non-flood conditions, though we didn’t check its condition.
Some parts are well-secured.

You should make sure to have the number for an off-road vehicle (and a cell phone with service) if you don’t want to end up walking another 2 or 30 hours on the way back...

Return: (machine translated)
You’ll reach the banks of the Rivière des Galets, walk down the left bank for a short distance, and thus reach the GR hiking trail in the Mafate Valley. We called for two off-road vehicles (Note: The gate for off-road vehicles now closes at 6:00 p.m.; a maximum of 4 off-road vehicles are allowed).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start -21.0364 55.3953

Reports:

2026-10-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grand-mère Equipement nickel, il y a un nouveau relais dans la zone d'éboulis R9-R12 modif topo à venir. Débit idéalL'éboulis final est très conséquent mais franchissable (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22408/observations.html)

2026-08-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grand-mère Rééquipement des points qui avaient tendance à se faire la belle. Couplages chaîne pour d'autres.Le R18 (dernier agrès) existe encore malgré l'éboulement, mais plus la mains courante.Le passage se fait bien, mais un par un. Prochaine saison des pluies, le paysage changera certainement à cet endroit.Trés belle ballade. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22408/observations.html)