Grand Vallat

Torrent du Grand Vallat,Grand Vallat du Jabron

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-de-Haute-Provence **Town:** Saint-Vincent-sur-Jabron		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 III	**Total time:** 2h30
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 45min	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 865m	**Altitude exit:** 765m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 14m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 16m

Summary:
Beautiful but short descent (2 waterfalls) in a truly magnificent gorge.

Hydrology:
Floods in this torrent must be monstrous (the bed is up to 30 m wide, filled with blocks and stones). Check the water level in the Grand Vallat before committing to the approach. Re-equipping material is mandatory, as the anchors are put under severe stress by the torrent's floods.

Access:
From Sisteron, reach the Jabron valley via the N85 and then the D946. Pass Bevons and then Noyers-sur-Jabron, then shortly after turn left towards the hamlet of Piedguichard. Cross the hamlet; the road becomes a track that you follow to a small parking area on the right (max. 2 cars), without blocking the way, just before the track (right branch) starts to climb.

Approach:
From the parking, follow the track uphill until it joins the GR 946 (an IGN map is useful). Follow the GR 946 up in switchbacks to a small col. Continue on the GR, which turns left, and descend until it crosses the riverbed, the starting point of the descent. Note: the approach may seem long given the short length of the canyon, but the gorge is really worth the detour if you are in the area.

Tour:
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Return:
Follow the torrent bed to the start of a path on the left that leads back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.1363 5.7753

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