Bras du Parc

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Country: France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** arrondissement de Saint-Benoît **Town:** Saint-Benoît

Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 4h45
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 1020m	**Altitude exit:** 860m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**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)
A nice hike, but not worth the detour unless you want to combine it with “Trou Blanc.”

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Drive up to Hellbourg in the Salazie Basin, which you'll cross to reach Ilet à Vidot. Follow the road and then the dirt road to the exit. Parkin

Approach: (machine translated)
Just before the parking lot, take the trail that leads uphill to the left, follow it to the exit, and then turn right (there’s a small hut nearby) and head down the trail that leads to the Mât River (a variation of the GR R1). Cross the river and climb toward Grand Sable until you reach the fork in the trail leading to the “Source Pétrifiante”; follow this trail until you reach the start of the descent.

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon, which is quite wide at first, gradually narrows and becomes steeper as you pass through the rappelling sections. These can be secured when the water level is not high. There is a beautiful ledge at the entry of the final rappelling section—the “spider’s web”—which is the most spectacular part of the descent, even if it isn’t the highest. From there, it’s just a short walk over boulders to reach the Mât River.

The belays are well-placed and are often doubled up in the cascade and “outside of flood season.” The narrow part appears to offer shelter. Beware of falling rocks (it might be better to wait after a rain shower until everything has dried before attempting the hike), as the last moderate tropical storm caused significant damage in the area (see the small lake that formed on the way back to the trail along the “Rivière du Mât”).

Return: (machine translated)
Walk down the Mât River between the boulders until you reach the access path, which you then follow in the opposite direction

Coordinates:
Canyon Start -21.0691 55.4942
Canyon End -21.0628 55.4955
Parking Entry and Exit -21.0573 55.5014

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