Rivière Noire Vauchelet

Cascade Vauchelet,Rivière Noire

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Country: France **Region:** Guadeloupe **Subregion:** Guadeloupe **Town:** Saint Claude		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 710m	**Altitude exit:** 560m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 900m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
First hiking, then rappel canyon

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
There are several entry points, thus several accesses and accordingly several accesses.There is a suitable upper entry (with an alternative) and a lower entry.For all entries, the exit point is the same. So we park the car for the exit on a large parking lot behind a school and near the gendarmerie (= police) (P I). We get there by driving up from Basse-Terre on the N 3, from St-Claude (village center) on the D 11 in the direction of the volcano Soufrière. In St-Claude, before the gendarmerie, we turn left on the Chemin de la Cascade and see on the left the large parking lot P I (see general map on photo 1).This parking lot (P I) is also the parking lot for access 1 a, so there is no shuttle here.For access 2 (same entry point - E 2 - into the canyon as in 1) one drives (or walks, if one has only one vehicle available) from the gendarmerie on the D 11 about 840 m further uphill. The road makes a slight turn to the left here, then another to the right. In this slight bend to the right, a bumpy dirt road turns off to the left. On the left of the road there is a large open space where we park (if we have one) the upper car for access 2 (P II). If we want to realize an 'integral' ascent of the canyon - entry point E 2 or E 3 - we drive with the second car about 1 km further and park it at the picnic area ('Beau Soleil') on the left of the road at 760 m above sea level (P III).

Approach: (machine translated)
The access 1 (red color) leads from the parking lot P I at the Gendarmerie on the Chemin de la Cascade in direction NNW. Where the footpath to the Cascade Vauchelet begins, we come across a barrier with the official notice that walking on the path is prohibited because of the danger of slipping. If you nevertheless continue to the left past the houses, you will reach the concrete footbridge below the Cascade Vauchelet in about 10 minutes without any problems (here you can check the water flow). We walk the concrete footbridge to the other bank, walk downstream below the Cascade (towards the concrete footbridge), but then climb the stream (Ravine Roche) that flows in from the orographic left for a few meters until a steep path offers itself to us on the left - i.e. on the orographic right bank of the Roche - which we follow consistently on the ridge between the two streams to the entry E 1. The access 2 (purple color) leads from the P II square down a bumpy and gloomy dirt road, down into the small valley of the Ravine Roche. On the left we see some small wooden huts (see photo 2). Leaving the bumpy track, we set course for the huts on the left in the photo, passing them on clear tracks to the right and coming to the stream. Here, beyond the stream, this track must now lead into the forest and in this uphill also to the entry E 1. We had this description from a guide from St-Claude, but we did not search the other side of the stream sufficiently and thus did not find the path.The access 3 (brown-orange line) leads from the parking lot P III on the marked hiking trail no. 1 (cf. signs on site) directly to the entry E 2 for an integral ascent, which is not unrewarding even above E 1.The finding of hiking trail no. 1 at the picnic area is not quite easy.So we ended up mistakenly on hiking trail no. 9. At the latest when the path leads permanently along the open canal, you have to realize that you don't have the right path (No. 1) under your feet. However, this is no reason to turn back. The path along the canal brings us to the water drainage from the Noire (by the way, one used to get out of the upper Noire here, cf. D. Kuster, V. Silve: 'Guadeluope Canyons Gouffres Decouverte' 1997 - p. 17 below). Now you can either enter the Noire already here (at the beginning a higher rappel - from the tree) or better still, hiking down at a distance of about 50 m to the left along the wall through sparse forest without disturbing undergrowth, until you meet hiking trail no. 1 and follow it to the right downhill to the creek crossing (E 2).

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon is very attractive especially in the last vertical part - 8 rappel.

Return: (machine translated)
Where the stream flows almost level under a brown earth wall after the last waterfall (see photo 21), get out on the right and head towards the concrete footbridge (photo 22). From here, follow the path, which is closed due to the risk of slipping, to the PI parking lot. Alternatively, after about 100 m from the exit, you can follow the clear footprints on the left up the slope (dotted purple line). This takes you out of the canyon much faster and 'lands' on the edge of a new development area (photo 22). You could park a second car in this area or hike down to the P I parking lot at the gendarmerie on the D 11.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 16.0343 -61.6873
Canyon End 16.0320 -61.6899
Alternative Canyon Start 16.0368 -61.6835
Parking at Exit 16.0298 -61.6890
Parking at Entry 16.0312 -61.6807

Reports:

2024-10-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Noire Vauchelet amarrages OK broché ou spitté. MC en place en bon etat sauf la dernière orange RD, tonchée car passee directement dans les plaquettes,dont on peut se passer.on est sortis par la sente décrite dans le topo, peu après la passerelle, dans le glissement de terrain. on tombe après 2/3m d ascension sur des barrières en bois. la sente est bien au début puis est catastrophique. on arrive à la suivre plus ou moins mais tout le terrain est éboulé. des arbres arrachés partout. c est souvent de l escalade. un sacré coup de sabre serait nécessaire. il y a sûrement une autre solution pratiquée par les pros car celle ci est apparemment dans cet état depuis 2017..je deconseille cette sente de sortie en cas de pluie car beaucoup d endroits sont vraiment dangereux et instables.la dernière Cascade est sympa sinon on a préféré bois malaisé pour l ambiance. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22423/observations.html)

2024-01-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Noire Vauchelet ----ENGLISH-----Our first canyon in Guadeloupe. Nice jungle canyon. Most of the relais are in good condition, except the last 2 rappels and the last main courante. These are loose and need to be tightened. Bring a spanner.25 mins approche, 1,5 hours canyon (2 people). Finding the exit was a a problem. We relied on the topo from https://ankanionla-madinina.com/ (2009) which said to take the ravine Roche and then a footpath RD. We tried that but after 10 mins turned back because we did not find any path. We discussed the option of just following the ravine roche upstream, but decided to double back and check the old footpath starting at the old bridge. We found that RG and followed that for some time, but we ended at a near vertical cliff. We decided to climb it because we saw clear sky about 50m above us. It was a bit sketchy but we ended up in somebody's backyard. From there it was a short walk to our car. The whole exit took us almost 2 hours. We're stille wondering where the real exit is...The GPs-coördinates from Alexx are correct. I would add one : 16.03379, -61.68480. This is where the path splits up towards the entry of the canyon. Take a left there.-----FRANCAIS-------Notre premier canyon en Guadeloupe. Beau canyon de la jungle. La plupart des relais sont en bon état, à l'exception des 2 derniers rappels et de la dernière main courante (que vous ne devriez pas prendre sauf si les eaux sont hautes). Ceux-ci sont lâches et doivent être resserrés. Apportez une clé.25 mn d'approche, 1h30 de canyon (2 personnes). Trouver la sortie était un problème. Nous avons utilisé le topo de https://ankanionla-madinina.com/ (2009) qui disait d'emprunter le ravin de la Roche puis un sentier RD. Nous avons essayé, mais après 10 minutes, nous avons fait demi-tour car nous n'avons trouvé aucun chemin. Nous avons discuté de la possibilité de simplement suivre le ravin roche en amont, mais avons décidé de faire demi-tour et de vérifier l'ancien sentier commençant au vieux pont. Nous avons trouvé ce RG et l'avons suivi pendant un certain temps, mais nous nous sommes retrouvés devant une falaise presque verticale. Nous avons décidé de l'escalader car nous avons vu un ciel dégagé à environ 50 m au-dessus de nous. C'était un peu sommaire mais nous nous sommes retrouvés dans le jardin de quelqu'un. De là, nous étions à quelques pas de notre voiture. La sortie entière nous a pris près de 2 heures. On se demande encore où est la vraie sortie...Les coordonnées d'Alexx sont correctes sont correcte. J'en ajouterais un : 16.03379, -61.68480. C'est ici que le chemin se divise vers l'entrée du canyon. Là, tournez à gauche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22423/observations.html)

2023-11-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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