

Gave de Biou

Biou-Gabas, Biou, Gave de Biou

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Country: France **Region:** Nouvelle-Aquitaine **Subregion:** Pyrénées-Atlantiques **Town:** Gabas

Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v2 a3 II	Total time: 1h45
Approach time: 10min	Tour time: 1h30	Return time: 5min
Altitude entry: 1160m	Altitude exit: 1040m	Delta Altitude: 120m
Canyon length: m	Highest rappel: 10m	Amount rappels: 14
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation:	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 0 ()	Info: ★ 0 ()	Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

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Gear:

Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary:

 (machine translated)

Beautiful short canyon with fun potential

Water level: <http://canyoning.pirineos-pyrenees.eu/barranco/18>

Hydrology:

Access:

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Valley: Park on the esplanade on the left after the bridge over the Gave de Biou as you drive up the D934 from Laruns to the bottom of the Ossau valley.

Approach:

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Take the GR10 (faster) or the road (shuttle bus possible) in the direction of Lac de Biou Artigues. At the first water intake, take the path on the right that leads down to the Gave de Biou.

Tour:

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The first two waterfalls are nicely shaped, you have to walk a bit and then you come to a beautiful pool (15 m in diameter) with a slide or a jump that you can repeat at your leisure. After that, it's less glorious: another huge but shallow pool with a tree in the middle, some mini waterfalls for mini jumps. A 50m micro indentation with a jump, but no other indentation of note, and lots of walking. Watch out for the dam above though!

A canyon that is obviously walked by local guides (MC ropes on the access trail, spiked waterfalls, ziplining opportunities), but only of moderate interest.

The start is currently very confusing.

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Regimentation:

- Access to the canyon bed between the Biou Inférieur water intake and the confluence with the Magnabait stream is only permitted from April 1 to October 31 inclusive, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, when the RD 231 is open to the public.
- Access is prohibited from the fenced plots of land concessioned to the SHEM.

Return: (machine translated)

Leave the waterfall at a right angle just before the bridge or at a right angle behind the tennis courts. Do not go down the following waterfall. From there up to the road.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [42.8797 -0.4325](#)
Parking at Entry [42.8789 -0.4344](#)
Canyon End [42.8872 -0.4270](#)
Parking at Exit [42.8870 -0.4268](#)
Parking at Exit [42.8887 -0.4276](#)

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