Orlier

Canyon du nant d'Orlier,Ruisseau de Gron

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Country: France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Haute-Savoie **Town:** Magland		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1100m	**Altitude exit:** 580m	**Delta Altitude:** 520m
Canyon length: 1700m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (2)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 70m

Summary: (machine translated)
A rappel canyon with a mostly downhill route and magnificent, sunny views, though the final part is slippery. There are many fallen trees, trash from the village, and a risk of rockfall. The anchors are getting old, and some (natural) anchors need to be replaced.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Viewed from below, the current isn’t particularly strong; it didn’t seem “dangerous” to us, but it still makes things quite challenging in the final steep sections. In the pools where you can still touch the bottom, there are no particular problems with the water. There’s no difference in the current between the upper and lower parts.
It’s best to paddle a few days after it rains or in the spring during the snowmelt; in the summer, the last part is often dry.

Access: (machine translated)
Valley side: If you’re coming from Cluses or the highway, there are several parking options in Magland (at the cemetery, behind the intersection leading to the industrial park, and—if available—ideally at City Hall, on the left in a recess; this parking spot is somewhat more secluded, and the return route leads right back there).
Coming from above: On the N205 toward Cluses, turn right at the Balme intersection onto the D106 toward Arâche, Les Carroz, and Flaine. In Les Carroz, park in the lot behind the Hotel Arbaron or across the street in the chapel parking lot. (You’ll be right in the middle of the village, so try to keep a low profile.)

Approach: (machine translated)
From the bridge, follow the stream as far as possible through the community meadow; there may be ponies there, though they’re rarely seen during the day, and the owners are nice.
You can change clothes when you enter the stream, though depending on the water level, you may only be able to change into your underwear.

Tour: (machine translated)
A long walk along the stream, during which you have to cross small “natural” dams made mainly of old tires, tree trunks, and various debris.
It’s truly regrettable that a renowned town is misusing what could actually be a tourist attraction as a dumping ground—not to mention that all of this will end up in Magland one day.
We finally reach the first waterfalls, which often serve as natural anchor points—sometimes they’re there, sometimes they’re not (the straps and chain links were recently installed and are in good condition).
The C39 is a bit overrated.
No notable changes were observed as we passed the wastewater treatment plant.
The exit after the C18 is also not very obvious.
Apart from a few narrow spots, however, it should be easy to get out of the water with the help of the numerous trees.
At the base of C38, there is a good, well-equipped platform for unrolling the rope, for a possible guide, etc.; however, there is a high risk that the rope will get jammed in a small crevice in the rock while rappelling. (A tip for the last person rappelling: Wedge a branch into this crevice to prevent the rope from running through it, and rappel all the way to the right; the ascent on the rope is quite arduous.)
There are two options from here: Either split the first C60 into two 30s (by rappelling down the left bank), which is preferable since there’s a high risk of snags of all kinds, or rappel in one go down to a tree on the left bank. Next comes the final C60, which takes you down to the base of the last waterfall... Phew.

The final part is, of course, very challenging; there’s no alternative to rappelling, especially on the C38 (in an emergency, you should above all avoid getting the rope caught, since it’s still urgently needed).
As for the start of the route: If the escape routes are barely visible or not visible at all, it should be easy to get to safety in case of high water.

A few extra meters of rope to compensate for friction loss, plus a few meters of rope to cut to size and carabiners to secure the ropes to trees if necessary.

Return: (machine translated)
At the foot of the C70, follow the streambed for a few meters until you reach a pedestrian bridge (there are possible paths along the right bank).
Cross the pedestrian bridge and follow a marked nature trail along the left bank, which leads you downstream to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.0236 6.6272

Reports:

2026-06-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier Vu de la route : sec. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)

2026-05-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier Suite au dernier message on est parti avec 6 anneaux et de la sangle.Rajouter 6 points et changer quelques sangne, il y aurait un gros réequipement a faire pour que ça soit bien. Il y a pas mal de frotement mais pour défendre les équipeurs il y a plein de zonne ou la roche est vraiment peteuse. J'ai commensser à équiper la goulotte en rive gauche l'a ou il y avait des sangles sur un If au centre du canyon sur un promontoir, l'arbres n'est vraiment pas en forme et c'est surement à cause des sangles qui ont frotter et arracher l'écorce. Rajouter un anneau en haut de la première 60m et virer la vielle chaine. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)

2026-05-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier Fait avec Marty en 7H30 :-(, c'était long....mais bon ça comprend : 9h départ de la voiture au carroz (terrain de foot)10h pose de la première corde (ne vous équiper pas complétement à la voiture, une heure de marche en foret c'est looong)16h30 en bas de la C65 finaleAvec une pause pique nique , plus le temps de poser de 5 points (soit pour doubler des points un peu light soit pour refaire des relais sans frottements ou pour faciliter le rappel de corde avec toutes ces embacles).Pas mal d'arbres et de gros cailloux qui bougent dans la partie forêt, MEFIANCE (j'ai pris une grosse boite sur un gros bloc qui est descendu 50 cms en marchant dessus)Ca reste au moins 5 supplémentaires à rajouter pour être bien, notamment la dernière C65 où il faudrait mettre un autre relai 5 mètres plus bas sur le gros massif en RG qui surplombe la cascade pour éliminer les frottements. Mais ça passe comme c'est. Certaines partie très glissante notamment dans le grand cassé final. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)

2026-04-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier Gros debit pour le canyon. Ca pousse fort et pour pas aider le canyon glisse pas mal ... equipement un peu rudimentaire (AN , monopoints et qq ressaut mal equipés) mais qui permet tout de meme de descendre le canyon. Attention il y a quelque passages franchemebt pas commodes dans certaines etroitures remplies de bois en mikado . Avec ce debit il faut faire tres attention de ne pas se laisser embarquer sous un tronc dans les rappels ... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)

2025-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier Passé devant, débit parfait pour descendre. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)

2025-09-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
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2025-06-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier Changé quelques sangles et remis un point. Canyon bien encombré de bois et de... pneus. Glissant. Tout de même intéressant ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)

2025-06-19 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Bit of an adventure canyon. Used a tree 2x to enter the stream. Anchors aging, some are natural anchors with recent Kordas, we added Ce4y ropes. One piece of webbing was strangling a tree, we cut it free. Added 1 bolt on top of a stuck boulder, lower it gets better. Final section: 3 abseils on the right bank (suddenly very slippery, keep right, out of the flow as soon as poss.), had to look for the final abseil which was hiding on the left bank, 65m. & full of rainbows.

2024-09-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orlier ATTENTION, la mairie de Magland met en garde, ce canyon est régulièrement mitraillé par des chutes de pierres. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21375/observations.html)