

Rouanne

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Hautes-Alpes

Town: Ancelle

Difficulty: not as difficult

Grading: v3 a2 III

Total time: 2h40

Approachtime: 35min

Tourtime: 2h

Returntime: 5min

Altitude entry: 1800m

Altitude exit: 1630m

Delta Altitude: 170m

Canyon length: m

Highest rapell: 12m

Amount rapells: 20

Transport: on Foot

Rock type:

Drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation:

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 0 ()

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)

This pleasant stretch (Jas Cerisier on IGN) forms the Torrent de Rouanne at the confluence with the Torrent du Lautaret.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Gap, head towards Grenoble, then Col de Manse; at the crossroads, go straight on towards Ancelle. Go past the ski station and cross the second bridge over the Rouanne stream (point 1341m, direction St Léger). From the bridge, always in the direction of St Léger, continue for 230m and then turn right. Follow this small road straight ahead, which becomes a dirt road, to the large parking lot near the sheep enclosure, altitude 1620m.

From Grenoble, just after the hamlet of Brutinel, turn left towards Ancelle / Orcières-merlette. The best way to avoid passing through Ancelle is to turn right at the entrance to the village over a bridge towards Col de Moissière, then left towards St Léger. As with the approach via Gap, turn left at the 2nd bridge, right and then 230 m right.

Approach: (machine translated)

From the parking lot, follow the main path, which you leave and switch to the left-hand path. Very quickly you reach the exit of the canyon with a view of the last waterfall (C8). Follow this track (the same path as the via ferrata), which you leave at the 1st hairpin on the right to reach a good path (quite steep in the undergrowth) that overlooks the canyon.

From the top you bypass a small scree basin and reach a grassy plain.

Continue along a path that crosses the stream just before the first obstacle (C4).

For the intermediate approach, descend via a path in the trees directly after the boulder field.

Tour: (machine translated)

A C4, then a C10, some small passages (qq slides and an inclined plane) lead to the middle start. Then a few small waterfalls, including a C10, and a short walk lead to the finale. For this penultimate pool, rappel, slide or jump over bank D. Note that this pool is not very deep, aim for the right-hand part for the jump; if in doubt, rappel or slide (which works very well). C8 concludes this beautiful descent.

ATTENTION: In the upper part, some slides are not accessible, watch out for the sloping wall in strong currents or if the ratchet is very slippery. Only a few jumps are also possible in the lower section. If the water is not transparent, you are not familiar with this route and the obstacle is equipped, opt for an abseil.

This canyon is often visited by groups under professional guidance, which is why you will often find permanently installed ropes at the small jumps. Have the decency to leave them in place...

Commitment

The intermediate entry is an obvious escape route located about 20 min from the classic entry.

Néanmoins, before the 10 m high waterfall, you can escape on the right bank on a (somewhat exposed) but obvious ledge.

Period/character of the water

The water is quite cold, June/September.

The water character (A2) at low water is corrected upwards in spring or early summer, as this canyon is a mountain stretch where the snow can remain for quite a long time.

Check the flow rate at the last waterfall (not at the height of the slope, because of losses).

Notes

Another canyon very close by: Peyron Roux (the 45/50 m waterfall that plunges 15 min before arriving in RD). To link these two canyons in sunshine, prefer this tributary in the morning and then Rouanette around 1pm to get through before the groups.

Likewise, to spend a pleasant and full day in the mountains, attack from the top (Jas Cerisier above, see map), some nice rappels with short sleeves, then the connection of 30min (1km).

Return: (machine translated)

From the final C8 you can reach the parking lot in 5 minutes by walking along the watercourse RD or RG.

Coordinates:

Parking Entry and Exit [44.6279 6.2629](#)

Canyon Start [44.6290 6.2758](#)

Canyon End [44.6281 6.2651](#)

Reports:

2026-06-15 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Jas Cerisier Toujours aussi chouette.DC-Quelques groupes dans Peyron Roux, personne dans le Jas. Une petite carcasse en amont de la confluence. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2450/observations.html>)

2026-05-22 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

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2025-10-04 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

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2025-09-10 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

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