Aiguilles (Savoie)

Ruisseau des Aiguilles

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Country: France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Savoie / Savoy **Town:** Saint-Jean-d'Arves		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 IV	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1700m	**Altitude exit:** 1470m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 0m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.7 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x70, 1x30

Summary:
Alpine canyon carved in the dark grey rock of the region. To do with stable weather. Rockfall and debris. Possible combo with Vallon.

Hydrology:
Rain + snowmelt. The main river may be brown, but when it is not swollen, then the tributaries are most likely doable (can be evaluated on the approach by looking into Vallon).

Access:
Park by the bridge in Entraigues (there is more than 1 village with this name in France). The road beyond the bridge is officially off limits though the locals use it, also on quads or high clearance vehicles.

Approach:
Hike towards the Aigulles d'Arves on the forest road which is flat at first, but soon is steeper and exposed to landslides. Best to follow the road and not the secondary trails.
If one is coming from Vallon, cross the main river, and hike south along the winding road to the entrance.

Tour:
Open at first, but increasingly steeper and only slightly enclosed up until the c65 (15+50) with intermediate belay on the right (in the active).

Return:
Return via the main river (stay on the right) a few 100 meters to find a trail, river right, going up and taking us back to the approach path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.1622 6.2889
Canyon End 45.1636 6.2833
Unknown Parking 45.1756 6.2822
Unknown Parking 45.1864 6.2847

Reports:

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Typical torrent de montagne in dark grey rock. Stable weather is a must, the area has a high chance of rockfall and debris. In summer conditions, this descent possibly needs no wetsuit whereas in Spring.... We doubled the first anchor (slightly better protected) and added a lunule (local word for abalakov) left, where a chain (on the right) is no longer reached after the river bed has changed, to help with the downclimb. The other anchors are a mix (mostly doubled, often slightly impacted, also Petzl longlifes and a mix of metals). Updated the file. Good combo to do with Vallon in the morning.

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