Ciambairo

Ruisseau de Ciambairo

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-Maritimes **Town:** Castellar

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 II	**Total time:** 3h30
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 500m	**Altitude exit:** 290m	**Delta Altitude:** 210m
Canyon length: 750m	**Highest rapell:** 70m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 70m

Summary: (machine translated)
Two jumps, small rappel then c70, then 3 more rappels.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Emergency exit on the left bank at the lower end of the C70.

Above the large waterfall: beautiful pools, beautiful water, always flowing.
Small watercourse for the C70, then very often dry.
The route should therefore be hiked in spring and fall after some rainfall in order to have a sufficient amount of water in the large waterfall.

Access: (machine translated)
From the A8 exit in Menton, drive in the direction of Sospel. Turn right at the junction for Castellar. You will arrive in the valley at the second bridge.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the road (Route de la Condamine) for 750 m and take the GR long-distance hiking trail that leads up to the chapel of St. Bernard.
Then either:
- Continue up the path for about 1 hour. At an altitude of 650 m, after a hairpin bend where you have the valley at your back, a not very visible path leads directly over a boulder field.
From the valley, as soon as you reach the vegetation, the path becomes more visible. From there, descend to the valley as best you can.
- Reach the chapel and the Col St. Bernard. Turn left (north) and take the path on the left that goes down. You will very quickly pass a wooded canyon. Continue for about 250 m until you reach a ridge (altitude: 681 m). Take a side path on the left (yellow markings) that leads slightly diagonally back to the canyon mentioned above. The ascent begins at an altitude of 500 m at the confluence of this canyon and the Ciambairo stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
The first two obstacles are jumped over (with the usual precautions). An anchor (C7) leads into the pool above C70.
Good belay (improved at the exit in 2012) on the right bank. Nice finishing pool, then C20, C5, C7.

The large waterfall has a drop of 5 m and steps of 66 m.

Return: (machine translated)
Clear exit on the left bank at the height of the bridge.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 43.8275 7.4902
Canyon End 43.8240 7.4855
Parking Entry and Exit 43.8194 7.4893

Reports:

2025-10-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ciambairo We started at 550 meters above sea level. The trail up to the Col St. Bernard is easy to find. Then we followed the left path, where you have to turn left again at 680 meters above sea level. From there, we followed the orange, red, and yellow markings. They were difficult to find twice, and finally we reached the ruins at 552 meters above sea level (IGN map), where there is also a rappel (https://loc.wiki/t/235231275?h=epodragwvm&wa=sd&la=de). There are certainly better trails where you don't have to hike along the stream as much. I didn't like the stream until just before the 70-meter rappel; perhaps it was because of the autumn. Up until the 70-meter abseil, we always had little water flow and clear water; after that, the gorge was dry. We really enjoyed the 70-meter abseil, as well as the hike to the col. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2469/observations.html)

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