Cascades de Morcles

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Waadt / Canton de Vaud **Subregion:** Bezirk Aigle **Town:** Lavey-Morcles / Morcles

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 III	**Total time:** 7h20
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 7h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1050m	**Altitude exit:** 440m	**Delta Altitude:** 610m
Canyon length: 1300m	**Highest rapell:** 112m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** gneiss	**Drainage area:** 4.00km²
Season: July - October	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.2 (3)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 1.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 115m

Summary: (machine translated)
Quite vertical rappel canyon with high waterfalls. There are some intermediate stands, but some of them are impractical.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Access to the valley: From Lausanne or Bern, drive in the direction of Simplon. Exit in St Maurice and drive through the village. At the traffic circle, turn off towards Lavey and then Morcles. Park at the first bridge below the C72. There are only a few parking spaces.
Uphill access : Continue to Morcles and park before the bridge that crosses the river again. It is possible to make an intermediate access below the C112 at the 16th bend (numbered bends).

Approach: (machine translated)
Hairpin bends back to the road and inconspicuously take a path leading down to the river. Then follow the watercourse RG.

Tour: (machine translated)
Description:
After a horizontal parts you will reach the big waterfall. You have to make a 10 m long MC RG to reach the relay RG. Pay attention to the friction. It is not advisable to use the relay about 50 m below, which is in the active and impractical.
Now medium-sized obstacles line up without much interest. In the C32 the whole thing gains character again. It leads down into the active and the water level must therefore be low. The C72 also requires a little sensitivity. Watch out for the unstable ice stick, which releases numerous stones, and first rappel about ten meters to the RG relay. From there, rappel below the water jet directly to the foot of the waterfall.

Emergency exits:
One escape option after C112. The others are trickier.

Hydrology:
Water intake without much effect. The waterfalls are lowered into the active. The water level quickly causes problems.

Notes:
Anchorage of C72 is RG, not visible from the start of the chute.
Note: There is no point worrying about rocket debris in the canyon. You will not get any. However, avoid playing with the remains! You never know!

Return: (machine translated)
Below the C72, take a small path RG that meets the road.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.2080 7.0383
Parking at Exit 46.1979 7.0268
Parking at Entry 46.2079 7.0383
Canyon End 46.1977 7.0266

Reports:

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2026-06-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Morcles Dc-, fait uniquement la partie inférieure juste au pied de la 112m, se garer dans l'épingle n°10 et prendre le chemin en forêt. Le final toujours aussi beau. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2523/observations.html)

2026-05-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Morcles GD+ le matin évoluant vers TGD, voire impraticable en fin d'après midi.Il est plus sage d'attendre un peu.Encore pas mal de neige sur les hauteurs. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2523/observations.html)

2025-06-22 | Nathan | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
I think some of the anchors could be replaced and/or moved. Quite a lot of algae and slippery in places. (machine translated)

2024-06-09 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
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2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2023-08-19 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Not particularly nice at first... but then great (machine translated)