Etangs (inférieur)

Bras des Etangs (inférieur),Bras des Etangs

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Country: France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** La Réunion / Reunion **Town:** Cilaos		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 II	**Total time:** 3h25
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 1000m	**Altitude exit:** 850m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
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Hydrology: (machine translated)
Absolute commitment as soon as you get into the narrow section.
Even in the southern winter, you should be careful when rappelling in the water jet.

Very beautiful passages reminiscent of the ECOUGES, only smaller.
Don't miss the view of the swallows' nests in the main hall.
Access "easier to find"
Beware of falling rocks when climbing up the BRAS ROUGE waterfall!

Access: (machine translated)
From Cilaos, take the D242 towards Ilet à Cordes and drive down the ramps. Park in the parking lot of the Bras Rouge hiking trail.

Approach: (machine translated)
Take the GR.R2, which leads to the "Cascade Bras Rouge" waterfall.
Follow this path for about 2 km. Pass a boulder that forms a vault over the path. Walk down the path to the "Cascade Bras Rouge" waterfall until it makes a 90° bend to the right before beginning the final descent to the Bras Rouge riverbed. At the bends, a path branches off to the left. Follow the path, which initially deviates slightly to the right. Then follow a clearly visible path that leads down to the beginning of the canyon. This path allows you to combine Ferrière and Bras des Étangs in one day without having to walk for a long time in the riverbed as in the past.

Tour: (machine translated)
Direct arrival at the first anchor. Easy descent on the right bank thanks to firm MC.
Then you reach the beginning of the narrowing in a boulder field with huge boulders.
Immediately afterwards, a 20 m long, wet anchor begins, which exits in a large pool. Guiding is possible to avoid the current with beginners and above all to avoid friction.
30 meter rappel on a Y belay. Comfortable and accessible.
A guide is also possible here to avoid the current, which is quite unbalancing at high flow and can turn back in a somewhat narrow passage.
You then reach a hall with swallow's nests under the vault on the right-hand side.
A final 20-meter rappel on the right ends this canyon. Beware of friction, use the dev.

Return: (machine translated)
Two options:
Continue through the BRAS ROUGE canyon, past the CHAPELLE (R40) and take the FLEURS JAUNES exit via the CHAPELLE path, which leads to CILAOS in 1.5 hours.
Or go up the BRAS ROUGE as soon as the canyon opens up opposite the C120 from FLEURS JAUNES (do not go downstream). In this case, we walk for 15 minutes before coming across the very beautiful BRAS ROUGE waterfall and a hot spring on the right (very beautiful red-orange concretions).
You climb up this hot waterfall (climbing passages of difficulty level IV over 50 m. Beware of very frequent rockfalls at this point, some plaques attached can secure the ascent). Follow the markings that lead to the viewing platform of the Bras Rouge waterfall.
We then take the GR that goes up in CILAOS in R.G. of BRAS ROUGE.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start -21.1311 55.4628
Canyon End -21.1317 55.4550
Unknown Parking -21.1297 55.4706

Reports:

2026-03-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-11-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-11-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Etangs (inférieur) Belles conditions - corde du R3 remplacée, elle en avait bien besoin...L'enchaînement R6-R7 dans l'actif a survécu aux crues cycloniques de 2024 et 2025 (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21484/observations.html)

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