Fou de Manyaques

La Fou de Manyaques,Canyon de la Fou de Manyaques

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Country: France **Region:** Occitanie **Subregion:** Pyrénées-Orientales **Town:** Le Tech		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 4h
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 630m	**Altitude exit:** 500m	**Delta Altitude:** 130m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.9 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()
Specialities:		
Gear:		

Summary: (machine translated)
Quite an open canyon with two slides

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Par moment engagé mais plusieurs échappatoires sont possibles.
Still water, but lower flow compared to the other canyons of the upper Vallespir.

Access: (machine translated)
Take the D115 into the Tech valley, just past Arles-sur-Tech and the hamlet of Manyaques (the former train station can be seen with its enameled steel sign along the road), park inconspicuously at the start of a path near the "Fontaine d'en Conte", also known as the "Fontaine des quatre platanes".

Shuttle: A shuttle is possible by parking the first car at the fountain and taking the second car to the village of Tech, which is located behind the bridge over the Coumelade river.
In the village, turn right immediately and cross a second bridge that crosses the Coumelade again in the other direction.
Follow the D44 for a few kilometers until you reach the stone fence.

Approach: (machine translated)
Take the path on foot uphill and then turn left at a sharp bend before the "Private" signs into an area where fodder, wood and materials are stored under tarpaulins and there may be beehives.
Stay to the right and take a marked hunter's path with cairns, blue eyelets and blue paint markers that leads up into the forest.
The start of the overgrown path is sometimes not visible due to the vegetation, but everything is easy to follow.
After five minutes, the path splits in two. Take the right-hand path, which continues uphill and has some very steep parts on a rocky part with a beautiful view of the scenic landscape.
From there, take a path to the right heading north, which is still marked in blue.
This is followed by the descent to the river, which initially descends only slightly but becomes much steeper towards the exit.

Shuttle: To reach the path uphill, which is also marked with blue eyelets, you have to take exactly the only path that starts next to the private property, an enclosure with a stone hut at 742 meters above sea level.
The path is located on the side of the D44 road, well before the Mas de Cos farm.
Do not follow this path to the exit, but take another path on the right a few meters after the start, which leads down to the riverbed in just a few minutes.

Tour: (machine translated)
The entry is never very pronounced, but well formed.
You start with a relatively open descent into a small waterfall, followed by a first small slide, at the exit of which you set up the first abseil.
Then comes a feasible jump into an elongated pool constricted between the walls, followed by another small vertical passage splashed with water.
Three more abseils await us in the beautiful, sloping crevasse, which requires some counter-holds.
At the exit of the crevasse, an abseilable handrail must be attached in order to reach the height of the break-off edge.
You soon reach the most beautiful passage of the canyon in a beautiful, active gorge, which is equipped on the left and right banks to provide guided abseils if there is too much water in the chute.
When the water level is normal, you can make a small jump into the narrows at the bottom of the chute (cave-like atmosphere).
Opposite the water reservoir of the channel, you can descend into the pool without an exit, but be careful, there is a siphon!
If there is too much water, follow the channel on the left bank and descend a little further down from another path protected from high water.
There are more nice passages, a slide and a small jump before reaching an opening of the canyon in a large body of water equipped for the installation of a zip line (fairly high chain on the left bank with a single access point, then two points opposite on the right bank).
A short connecting walk follows, then the canyon forms again with several beautiful small waterfalls, then you pass under an old stone bridge.
A rappelling route about ten meters long leads to the particularly beautiful last part of the canyon, a large pool into which you can jump, then a short abseil follows, marking the exit of the canyon.

D2
Rn°1: C10 RG (équipé pour gros débits) si débit correct, pas besoin de corde de soutien.
On passe en opposition dans le petit étroit et se suit un T2.
Rn°2: C6 RD "monopoint"
Rn°3: C5/S5 RG "monopoint"
Rn°4: C7 RG
Rn°5: C3 RG "monopoint" (Départ faille)
Rn°6: C4 RG "monopoint" (Deuxième rappel faille)
Rn°7: C11RG "monopoint" (Troisième rappel faille)
Rn°8: MC C6 RG
Rn°9: C12 RG/RD (Étroiture goulotte)
Rn°10: C12 RG vasque piège (corde pour sortir + R8 RG passage sous bloc "monopoint" soit R19 RG (hors vasque piège suivre le canal)
Rn°11: T4 "monopoint" RD
Rn°12: T5 AN RG
Rn°13: C3 RG "monopoint" + S4
C5 RD "monopoint" + D6 (installation tyrolienne RG possible/S4 sous le monopoint RD)
Marche de liaison sur trois cent mètres et s'enchaînent T4 + T1.
Rn°14: C13 RG (under the pont en pierre)
Rn°15: C5 RG "monopoint" + S4/T4
Rn°16: C7 RD

- The canyon is equipped with several single-point anchors so as not to interfere with nature. These anchors are not always necessary, but can serve as a safety measure when the water level is high.
- The water of the Fontaine d'en Conte, also called Fontaine des quatre platanes, is considered drinkable.

Return: (machine translated)
On the right bank of the last basin, you have to climb over the lying tree trunks and then follow the slope to the left to reach the path in a few minutes, which is almost at the level of the bend and the feeding point of the access.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.4258 2.5636
Canyon End 42.4233 2.5715
Unknown Parking 42.4204 2.5724

Reports:

2026-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fou de Manyaques Équipement du canyon La Quera sous la forge del Mitg. Première partie ouverte par des guides locaux dans les années 1990 "zéro équipement" une seule plaquette sur cheville autoforeuse (spit) puis partie moyenne et basse ouverte par moi même en 2020. Équipement intégrale par André Suchet, Fred Pascal et moi-même en 2026. Bon canyon ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2473/observations.html)

2026-08-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fou de Manyaques Bonjour Fred,
 Nous en avons parlé en direct, mais je le publi pour pas que certains puissent penser ou colporter des impressions, et que les fautifs (d'autres pro ?) se sentent mieux visés : Ni Kevin TM, ni moi, en tant qu'équipeurs du site (en Raumer, inox, 10mm) avons retiré ou modifié tes points sur ce site.
André S. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2473/observations.html)

2026-08-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fou de Manyaques Toujours en top condition. Tous passe bien.Mention spécial au "crétin" qui s'amuse à enlever les points que j'ai rajouté dans ce canyon. Le point qui permet d'installer une main courante pour aller en toute sécurité à la main courante de la faille à disparu !Je bosse dans ce canyon avec des clients, alors arrêtes de virer les points qui te semble inutile à tes yeux car tu es un super canyonneur.Pas mes clients et j'ai une obligation de moyen alors je sécurise certains obstacles en plus de l'équipement initial.Et pour info j'ai pas mal débroussailler l'accès et le retour de ce canyon !!! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2473/observations.html)

2026-08-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fou de Manyaques Fou de les Gorgues comme des fous dans ces gorges. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2473/observations.html)

2026-07-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fou de Manyaques Canyon dépaysant. Plein de petit rappels. Il y a quand même plus ludique dans le département. Nous sommes sortis au pont de la RN. 10mn de marche jusqu’à la fontaine. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2473/observations.html)

2026-07-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fou de Manyaques En top condition.J'en ai profiter pour débroussailler le chemin d'accès qui part avant les ruches.Virer les branches, les ronces et troncs sur le chemin et dans le canyon. Débroussailler la partie de marche en rive gauche dans le canyon.Nouveau saut à la fin du canyon. MERCI de laisser l'équipement en place.A noter qu'un petit malin m'a viré un point au niveau des 3 rappels de la grande faille du début... Un point que j'avais mis car le rappel rive droit passe mieux que celui de gauche. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2473/observations.html)

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