

Torrent du Beal Noir

Torrent de Saint-Crépin

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Country: France Region: Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur Subregion: Hautes-Alpes Town: Saint-Crépin		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 I	Total time: 2h35
Approachtime: 30min	Tourtime: 2h	Returntime: 5min
Altitude entry: 1250m	Altitude exit: 900m	Delta Altitude: 350m
Canyon length: 600m	Highest rapell: 15m	Amount rapells: 9
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 2.8 (11)	Info: ★ 2.6 (10)	Belay: ★ 2.6 (11)
Specialities: suitable in rainy weather,		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 20m		
Summary: (machine translated) A small but beautiful canyon. Ideal for practicing different techniques in the canyon, as there are many different stands within a short distance. The Torrent de Saint-Crépin can also easily be climbed twice in succession.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) RN 94 between Embrun and Briançon, stop in the village of Saint-Crépin. Park near the cemetery.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the cemetery, walk uphill on the left-hand side of the river. Pass a water reservoir and follow a well-marked path in serpentines. Walk uphill to an altitude of 1250 meters. From here, leave the path towards the canyon by turning right at a green-marked tree. After a short walk between fir trees, a handrail leads to an abseiling point on a tree. Rappel about 15 meters, overhanging at the exit.		

Tour: (machine translated)

|#01| o ENTRANCE

|#01| o MARCH | Walk a few meters along the stream.

|#02| o MC | 2 short rope edges with fixed ropes from the tree on the left to the chain on the right

|#02| o Cascade 6.90 meters | chain on the right side

|#02| With a lot of water at least 25m ropes to get safely to the next chain.

|#03| o Cascade 9.30 meters | chain on the left side

|#03| Optional Rappel Guide with 40m ropes if there is a lot of water

|#04| o Cascade 11.90 meters | chain on the right side, rappel in 2 steps with pool after 4 meters

|#05| o Cascade 7.20 meters | fixed ropes on the left

|#06| o Cascade 7.60 meters | Several anchors (some longer!) available

|#06| [Pool]

|#07| o MC | 3 meter rope traverse on the left side

|#07| o Cascade 9.80 meters | 2 anchors on the left side

|#08| o MARCHE+DES | A few minutes walk with several small downclimbs (maximum height: 2.60 meters)

|#08| Partial rappel from the tree possible.

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|#09| EXIT - emergency exit | Optional exit/entry on the hiking trail

|#09| Viewpoint

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| Part 2

|#10| o DES | 2m downclimb

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|#11| o Cascade 3.50 meters | anchor behind the boulder

|#12| o Cascade 11.70 meters | chain left and anchor right

|#12| often indicated as C18.

|#13| o Cascade 4.80 meters | 2 anchors right

|#14| o AN 4 to 8 meters | rappel from the tree

|#14| Option 1: 4 meter rappel + DES: 4 meter downclimb

|#14| Option 2: 8 meter rappel

|#14| [Pool]

|#15| o DES | 5m downclimb

Commitment

Little commitment.

Historic

A. Bach, M. Brunello, C. Chillet, P. Droin in September 1991.

Remarks

Beautiful, sunny descent offering a lovely view of the Durance.

This canyon is still called "Torrent de Saint-Crépin".

Canyon rarely flooded; with an "unsurprising" amount of water (visible from the parking lot).

It is possible to take a shuttle bus up to the hamlet of "Le Villard". In this case, the approach time is replaced by a fairly "vegetative" river walk of about ten minutes before arriving at the canyon proper.

Return: (machine translated)

|#16| EXIT | Exit left via the small path.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [44.7085 6.6127](#)

Canyon End [44.7066 6.6111](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [44.7056 6.6106](#)

Waypoint [44.7078 6.6127](#)

Reports:

2025-06-09 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Low | 🍀 Completed
3 times - 2 glue bolts on the 2nd abseil are lose.

2025-06-05 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍀 Completed
The glue bolts on the second anchor are moving. Both of them.

2025-05-16 | Anouk | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🍀 Completed
Was nice to do with this waterflow. We went with a group, they got cold because of the high water. For beginners abseiling through the waterflow might be a bit scary.

2024-08-05 | Canyon Dave | 📖📖📖 | ★★★★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Low | 🍀 Completed
From corner of the cemetery, walk uphill to point A on the map crossing the river and continue on the left-hand side of the river. Pass a water reservoir and follow a well-marked path in serpentine. Exit B to the corner of the cemetery, don't use this small (exit) path to enter the canyon. From point B climbing up is too steep and dangerous!

2022-10-05 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Dry | 🍀 Completed
We didn't need Neoprene. Video of the tour with a very detailed description:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOyznaMpiR4> (machine translated)

2022-09-28 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Dry | 🍀 Completed
There was very little water to be found. (machine translated)

2018-09-23 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍀 Completed
This canyon is best walked twice (machine translated)

2017-09-18 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍀 Completed
The amount of water in the Beal Noir is usually low (machine translated)

2015-09-26 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍀 Completed
Several days after heavy rainfall we (still) have optimal conditions in Beal Noir. (machine translated)

2015-09-20 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍀 Completed
The amount of water after rain decreases relatively quickly. (machine translated)

2015-09-16 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🍀 Completed
Relatively much water for this canyon after very heavy rainfall (machine translated)