Torrent de l' Eychauda

Eychauda ,Cascades de l'Eychauda

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Hautes-Alpes **Town:** Vallouise-Pelvoux		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 II	**Total time:** 4h10
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1490m	**Altitude exit:** 1260m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 18m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** sandstone	**Drainage area:** 24.95km²
Season: June - November	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 11-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (5)

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 1x 20m, 1x 25m

Summary: (machine translated)
Technically challenging rappel canyon in places with beautiful views of the valley. Mostly cold water.
Suitable for beginners as everything can be bypassed.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
In L'ARGENTIERRE LA BESSEE, take the D994 E in the direction of AILEFROIDE / PELVOUX. About 4 km after VALLOUISE, in the commune of PELVOUX, park between SAINT ANTOINE and LES CLAUX at a small bridge that crosses the EYCHAUDA torrent at coordinate 1250. Leave the car driving "downhill" there and take the shuttle bus over the small road that leads up to the right 100 m before this bridge. Drive past the vacation center, take the taxiway and get onto the D421T. Follow the road to the second bend on the right. Park near the wooden panels.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the wooden sign, walk down the path and reach the streambed in a few minutes.
Another option is to leave the cars at the bottom and walk up to the right bank on the GR that starts from the power station 600 m away. Good hikers will need 30 minutes for this solution.

Tour: (machine translated)
Regulations:

Canyoning permitted between 8:30 and 17:00 by municipal council resolution.

Attention: Siphon!

There is a dangerous spot in the canyon where a fatal accident has already occurred. The water flows under a boulder there - you must not get into the water at this point under any circumstances.
The danger point is clearly marked in the canyon and set up so that it can be safely bypassed using a rope traverse.

General information:

This sporty descent consists of a series of waterfalls of varying heights: 6, 7, 10, 13, 5, 9, 7, 10, 14, 7 and 6 meters. There are 3 small narrow passages, a hanging rock and, if you can search a little, small "cave-like" passages. The waterfalls are very beautiful and photogenic. The water is cool and a full body suit is essential. Most of the obstacles can be repeated as often as you like or offer the opportunity to escape in an emergency. The water movements here can be very strong.

Commitment:

None, all waterfalls can be shifted on the left or right bank via a path.

Historical:

Good guides have been working there for a long time (they work in their gardens...).

Notes:

No jumps and little swim, but some rappels are well watered. Pofiter, after the canyon, to "climb" to the PRE DE MADAME CARLE at the foot of the white glacier (add 45' round trip). For the canyon, there is a small parking lot in the valley along the creek on the right. Beautiful water movement in almost all waterfalls.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the course of the river in RG as far as the cars without disturbing the local residents and the vacation center.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 44.8769 6.4849
Canyon Start 44.8809 6.4868
Parking at Entry 44.8810 6.4875
Parking at Exit 44.8734 6.4839

Reports:

2026-09-16 | Jeroen Kirchner | ⭐ ⭐ ⭐ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Sporty flow and full sunshine. Done before thunderstorm as the dam clearly stipulates the danger. Luckily the canyon is over-equipped as you can easily change between dry and wet line or escape. Different anchors, mostly m10, glue-ins and lots of abalakovs. Unfortunately the first part is rather boring, compared to some more challenging abseils later (watch out with high flow).

2026-09-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Eychauda Gd+, sorti avant la fin à cause de la pluie. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2262/observations.html)

2026-09-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Eychauda Gros debit ++, ça tape fort et ça pousse dans les zones étroites. On a posé un guidé pour éviter aux suivants la vasque qui drosse en rive gauche, à déconseiller à des personnes peu expérimentées. On a posé egalement un anneau de corde et maillon rapide sur les plaquettes en RG au dessus de la dernière grande vasque pour descendre en shuntant la cascade du dessus. Très beau canyon avec ce débit mais méfiance. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2262/observations.html)

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2026-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Eychauda DC+ .Équipement sur lunules et mono point parfois sinon ok.Quelques groupes guidés dedans.Peu de sauts et bien sonder avant .Intégrale en 2h50 à 3 en traînant derrière les groupes qui font que la partie aval. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2262/observations.html)

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