Pointay

Ruisseau de la Chana,Ruisseau du Pointay

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Country: France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Ain **Town:** Rossillon		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 I	**Total time:** 3h4
Approachtime: 1min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 3min
Altitude entry: 690m	**Altitude exit:** 340m	**Delta Altitude:** 350m
Canyon length: 1050m	**Highest rapell:** 44m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x45m+1x30m+1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Forest canyon with a lot of sinter

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
After bypassing Geneva on the Swiss N 1 after the national border, take the A 401 towards Lyon, Dijon, Paris for about 2.5 km, then at the highway junction take the A 40 towards Lyon, Dijon, Paris. After another 23 km, take exit 11 (Bellegarde Center) in the direction of Fragny, Seyssel. 6 km further on, at the end of Mons, turn right onto the D 992 and through Seyssel and Culoz (another 23 km), where you continue on the D 904 (towards Bourg-en-Bresse) for another 8.5 km to Artemare (a total of 62 km from the border).\nFrom here, continue on the D 904 towards Amberieu-en-Bugey. We pass the village of Virieu-le-Grand, then the Lac de Virieu (karst spring, decent campsite), do not turn left at the next T-junction to Belley, but continue right on the D1504. About 5 km further on we come to the small village of Rossillon (on the right of the D1504).\nAbout 200 m further on, after the cemetery, there is a large parking lot on the right of the road. We park our car as far away from the cemetery as possible - and therefore close to the stream exit.
Take the second car back to Rossillon and take the first road on the left (D 103) up towards Armix. The road climbs up the slope in serpentines. After the second leftward haipin bend (not counting the turn off the D 1504) and about 4 km (from the village), we come to the bridge over the stream. We park the top vehicle here.

Approach: (machine translated)
Either directly below the bridge into the stream or first (mainly on the orographic right side of the stream) in about 15 min. pathless up 3 more waterfalls.

Tour: (machine translated)
The descent is only worthwhile when the water is flowing, see photos and video

Return: (machine translated)
After the final sinter cascade, first in the streambed towards the road, later out to the left and along the edge of the meadow to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 45.8438 5.5907
Parking at Exit 45.8369 5.5861
Parking at Entry 45.8434 5.5903
Canyon End 45.8377 5.5863

Reports:

2026-10-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay un peu plus qu'un seul amarrage. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-10-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Rentré au pont. Beaucoup d'embâcles dans le 1er encaissement qui pourraient poser problème en cas de bon débit. L'équipement est bon pour ce type de canyon. Belle cascades de tuf (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-05-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay The first 2 waterfalls can be reached upstream from the bridge. Didn't find a path, so walked upstream. The first waterfall is a good 15 minutes further on. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-05-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Descente 2h00 à partir du chemin, à 8 dans le cadre des 40 ans de L'ÉCOLE. eau 11°6. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-05-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay DC-/Gros filet au début. Equipement RAS, très correct dans l'ensemble. Très bonnes conditions de descente. (pour faire les 3 cascades amont, on suppose qu'il faut bien suivre les indications du nouveau topo papier et prendre la piste RD, qui part plus loin que le pont. RG c'est juste l'enfer végétal, autant rentrer directement au pont !) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-04-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Vire le tronc dans la dernière cascade qui bloquait les cordes au rappel (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-04-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Accès sans navette par un sentier qui recoupe la route.On est remonté au dessus de la route pour faire les 3 cascades du haut, enfin presque car il aurai fallu encore remonter le lit de la rivière pour faire la premiere C14 que nous n'avons pas vu.Canyon forestier jolis mais peu encaissé.Les 3 dernières cascades on plus de carractères. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2026-03-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Sans bavette depuis église 25 min Entrée à la 3eme cascade après 10 min de désescalade (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2025-06-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Voir pour shunter par un chemin dans une épingle afin d éviter la première partie et la désescalade longue cala permettrait d’arriver au passage sous chemin / final magnifique à coupler avec valorise (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2025-03-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Les 3 dernières cascades sont sympas. Le reste c'est que de la marche quasiment. A faire avec de l'eau et du soleil. Fait sans navette. Approche 45 min. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)

2025-02-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Pointay Très beau canyon Final très très jolie avec trolls Déviation sur dernière sur branche morte a voir combien de temps cela tiendra (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2179/observations.html)