Raton

Clue du Raton,La clue du Raton,Ruisseau de Raton

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-Maritimes **Town:** Beuil		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 IV	**Total time:** 6h30
Approachtime: 1h10	**Tourtime:** 5h15	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1520m	**Altitude exit:** 1030m	**Delta Altitude:** 490m
Canyon length: 3200m	**Highest rapell:** 14m	**Amount rapells:** 35
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 11.00km²
Season: July - September	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Long and aquatic rappel canyon in dark red shale

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Nice 54 km up the Var valley on the N 202 towards Digne. Then turn right (north) onto the D 28 into the Vallée de Cians. First through the Gorges de Cians, it later goes in serpentines into the upper canyon. About 17 km after the turnoff, one passes through two tunnels at the "Petite-" and the "Grande Clue". In front of a red wall with inscription plates (behind it a drinking water tank) the road crosses the Raton. Here we park one vehicle.\nWith the other (or a cab) we continue, up to Beuil and from there on the D 28 in the direction of Valberg. A few hundred meters after Les Launes we turn left and go down on the little road in the valley. We come to a new ski station (on the righthand side) and continue on the now no longer paved forest road in a southerly direction, as far as the road is drivable (in 2008, driving was already over in the first water-bearing ditch after the ski station).

Approach: (machine translated)
Now we continue walking on the only minimally ascending slope, first in the forest, later with beautiful views of the mountains around the Vallée du Cians. We come to the houses of L'Illion (1580 m a.s.l. - 45 min. to here) situated on the southern slope. From here it is a good kilometer until the track describes a long right curve. On the left there is a large almost flat area. Here, following the cairns, descend in a southwesterly direction to the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon with its 35 rappel is beautiful, but the effort (shuttle, long access, long descent in the canyon) but quite large. Jumps are possible because of the murky water only after respective pre-test.

Return: (machine translated)
At the road bridge, climb the pipe ladder on the left.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.0404 6.9460
Canyon End 44.0398 6.9762
Parking at Exit 44.0394 6.9761
Parking at Entry 44.0478 6.9594

Reports:

2026-10-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton Fait sans navette avec BorisDC. Méfiance, de nombreuses vasques ce sont engravées, certains sauts ne passent plus ! Accès : 1h35Descente : 2h25 (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

2026-10-24 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★½ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★★ | Normal | Completed
Today we hiked the entire canyon. It was an absolute highlight, even in the lower section starting at the first rappel point. (machine translated)

2026-10-23 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★½ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★★ | Normal | Completed
We hiked through the canyon today. Unfortunately, we had to exit via the emergency exit because of the weather. It’s located above rappel point 19 and is marked on the ortographic left with a wooden sign. The trail climbs about 300 meters in elevation to the upper parking lot. The canyon is definitely worth seeing because of its red rock. The belay stations are all in excellent condition. (machine translated)

2026-10-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton Joli canyon mais ne mérite pas la note attribuée.Beaucoup trop de marche !La cotation V en engagement n'est absolument pas méritée, les possibles de mise hors crue étant très nombreuses.La navette est hyper longue et mieux vaut avoir un véhicule un peu plus haut qu'une voiture classique.Descendu en 3h à 5 (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

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2026-10-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton La note de 3.2 est exagérée.Trop de marche.Les rappels sont minuscules.Heureusement qu'il est rouge. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

2026-09-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton Équipements OK, débit correct moins .Attention la piste c est détériorer, difficile avec une voiture normale. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

2026-09-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton Fait avec navette. Faible débit mais magnifique.Belle découverte d’un bois de cerf enseveli trimballé dans le sac pour les 25 dernières cascades ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

2026-09-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

2026-09-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton Que dire... quelle aventure ! Départ 7h du matin par la centrale, petit bloc 4A pour attaquer ???? cordes fixes sur les 100 premiers mètres puis navigation à vue sans boussole ! Pas évident du tout beaucoup de griffures de buissons 2h45 de marche d'approche 3h45 de descente RAS magnifique pas mal de rappels passent en desescalade (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)

2026-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | High | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Raton Fort débit malgré la courte (mais intense ?) pluie de la veille. Eau rougeâtre assez rapidement après le départ. Avec ces conditions parcouru en 6h30 pour une première fois. A refaire dans des conditions plus idéales ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/247/observations.html)