

Torrent du Fournel

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Country: France	Region: Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur	Subregion: Hautes-Alpes
Town: L'Argentière-la-Bessée		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v2 a3 II	Total time: 1h40
Approach time: 10min	Tour time: 1h20	Return time: 10min
Altitude entry: 1250m	Altitude exit: 1210m	Delta Altitude: 40m
Canyon length: 750m	Highest rappel: 5m	Amount rapells:
Transport: Car optional	Rock type: limestone	Drainage area: 45.00km ²
Season: July - September	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3 (6)	Info: ★ 2.5 (6)	Belay: ★ 2.5 (6)

Specialities:

Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:

Ropes: 1x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)

The descent is a series of small ledges and slides.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

In L'Argentière, take the road that leads to the Fournel valley and the silver mines of the same name. Follow the road to the parking lot of the mine, which is the lower parking lot (small wooden hut with telephone booth).

Approach: (machine translated)

From the parking lot, follow the asphalt road uphill to the beginning of the canyon (signposted).

Tour: (machine translated)

The descent consists of a series of small jumps, slides, etc. During the walk down, there are 3 or 4 passages under blocks or siphons that break up the descent. One of the siphons is remarkable in the middle of the canyon. The blocks form a floor with a siphon in the middle. Despite the feeling of confinement, it goes very well and you end up in the pool below in a fraction of a second. Everything can be done without ropes, without having to worry.

The level can change quickly. The canyon has a number of via ferratas, which are equipped like climbing routes and, above all, are well marked. There is also a scale at the entrance indicating the water level.

Allowed only if:- uniquement si le niveau est inférieur à 0 sur l'échelle de niveau située à l'entrée du canyon.

July to September seems to be the best time for this canyon, which is heavily frequented by tour guides.

It is the most frequented canyon in the Haut Val-Durance, as it is one of the easiest and suitable for a first discovery of the area, in a beautiful natural setting. If you know how to use the terrain, it even offers good opportunities for jumps, slides and unexpected passages.

Return: (machine translated)

At the mine, exit on the left bank via the path

Coordinates:

Parking at Entry [44.7905 6.5220](#)

Parking at Exit [44.7872 6.5339](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [44.7890 6.5268](#)

Canyon Start [44.7899 6.5236](#)

Canyon End [44.7860 6.5339](#)

Reports:

2025-09-07 | System User | | | Normal | Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fournel Dernier Fournel de la saison. Personne dans le canyon. -10 a l'échelle. Top conditions. Pas vu de conséquences notables des récentes crues. Tout passe comme d'habitude. Toujours peu de fond dans le second ressaut de l'étroiture finale. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/276/observations.html>)

2025-09-05 | System User | | | Normal | Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fournel Attention, les sauts qui étaient encore possibles la semaine dernière ne l'étaient plus aujourd'hui, car l'eau dans les bassins n'arrivait plus qu'à hauteur des hanches. Prudence donc après de fortes pluies. Descente agréable et très court, si vous n'êtes pas encore épuisé après avoir parcouru un autre canyon de la région. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/276/observations.html>)

2025-09-05 | Christian Balla | | | | Normal | Completed

Compared to a week ago, hardly anything is still jumpable - pools are full and sometimes only knee-deep (machine translated)

2025-08-30 | Christian Balla | | | | Normal | Completed

Nice canyon. Nice cuts, even if only short - great rock. Lots of groups on the way. The "upper parking lot" makes little sense - unnecessary additional walking. The middle parking lot or the one at the mine is ideal. (machine translated)

2025-08-25 | System User | | | Normal | Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fournel (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/276/observations.html>)

2025-08-19 | Uschi Winter | | | | Normal | Completed

Actually quite interesting to observe the arousal. At least 6 groups before, after and during the tour... (machine translated)

2025-08-15 | System User | | | Normal | Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fournel Joli petit canyon énormément parcouru par les guidos !Les sauts passent globalement mais amortir sur certain car pas beaucoup de fond (notamment celui avec de l'équipement via ferrata rg). (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/276/observations.html>)

2025-07-27 | Gaechter Michael | | | | Low | Completed

Well equipped for groups (machine translated)

2025-07-22 | Kanyon Kerke | | | | High | Completed

Superiore tour with lots of slides and jumping opportunities. Perfectly equipped. (machine translated)

2024-08-04 | Canyon Dave | | | | Normal | Completed

Normal water flow. No special remarks. Please note, enter the canyon after 9:00 and exit before 18:00. At the upper start point next to the bridge there is a waterpoint to fill up your water bottle.