Male Vesse amont (II)

Male Vesse amont,Male Vesse II,Torrent de Male Vesse superior

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-de-Haute-Provence **Town:** Prads Haute Bleone

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 V	**Total time:**
Approachtime: 5h	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:**
Altitude entry: 2100m	**Altitude exit:** 1600m	**Delta Altitude:** 500m
Canyon length: 2400m	**Highest rapell:** 112m	**Amount rapells:** 19
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x70m+1x60m+1x45m

Summary: (machine translated)
High alpine rappel canyon

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Digne-Les-Bains on the D 900, 14 km in the direction of Gap or from Gap 90 km (also on the D 900) in the direction of Digne as far as the village of La Javie. Here turn east onto the D 107 and up the Bleone valley to Prads (12.5 km from Javie). Continue along the Bleone. After about 4 km, take the dirt road on the right as far as the barrier. Park your vehicle here.

Approach: (machine translated)
A few meters after the parking lot, you cross the streambed of the Male Vesse, where the water may be hidden under the gravel. We continue along the dirt road and then take the well-signposted hiking trail to the Refuge d'Estrop (2050 m above sea level).
After spending the night at the refuge, the next morning we take the hiking trail towards the summit of Estrop, winding northwards up the broad slope. Where the slope becomes somewhat flatter and the path bends to the east (at about 2460 m above sea level), we continue to climb without a path in the previous direction to the lowest point of the ridge towering in front of us (2530 m above sea level).
We cross the ridge and descend the wide ridge in the large basin on the other side, initially continuing in a northerly direction, before keeping more to the right at a solitary tree, crossing a small ridge and finally reaching the streambed of the Male Vesse. The first high rappel is clearly visible as a dark area relatively early on in the descent.
You can also enter the Male Vesse pre-amont (I) at 2700 m above sea level (see web links), but the uppermost parts in the wide basin do not necessarily seem worthwhile.
Although there is also a direct ascent to the ridge, it is much more pleasant via the hut. You can reserve a place to sleep by calling 0492310701 (from Germany with the French prefix and omit the zero at the beginning of the number).

Tour: (machine translated)
The tour begins with a 112m high cauldron, which is rappelled after about 65m (2008). In the book by Fiorina/Jourdan/Tordjman, transfers are marked after 35/50/35 m. This is followed by about 17 more rappels (possibly also some slides and smaller jumps) until the exit after the second part.
At the exit, you reach a longer part (pure running route) where the canyon widens and flat meadow areas can be found on the righthand side. This is the exit of the Male Vesse amont part. There is a bivouac here and you can climb up to the right to the Pont de Dédédou - from there the path leads down into the valley.
The route should only be attempted after the snow has melted, i.e. preferably in late August/early September.

Return: (machine translated)
As a rule, this is followed by an ascent of the lower parts of Male Vesse aval (III). If you want or need to get off, see the Male Vesse III approach description (in the opposite direction).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 44.2717 6.4978
Canyon End 44.2568 6.4911

Reports:

2025-09-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) Débit faible dans la 112 ensuite correct. Pour les suivants il faudrait a minima prendre une clé pour resserrer certains relais intermédiaires de la 112 et idéalement prendre de quoi relier proprement les points du 2e relais. Sinon ras concernant l'équipement. Super course d'ampleur, ambiance sauvage dans un canyon magnifique! Enchaîné avec l'aval (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

2025-09-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Male Vesse (amont) Un canyon d'envergure. 2h jusqu'au gîte, 2h jusqu'au départ. Parcouru en 6h à 5. Un chamois mort dans la ravine. Équipement vieillissant et parfois mal branlé (goujons et plaquettes rouillées parfois, quelques points HS, quelques monopoints, des triangles de la mort aussi). Au global, un point correct en général. Prévoir un peu de corde à couper pour changer les quelques sangles faites en gaine de corde. Néanmoins, mérite le détour ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2904/observations.html)

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