# Trou de Fer

Bras de Caverne,Trou de Fer, Trou d'Enfer,Trou d'enfer,Trou de Fer

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| **Country:** France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** La Réunion / Reunion **Town:** Salazie | | |
| **Difficulty:** extreme difficult | **Grading:** v7 a5 VI | **Total time:** 14h |
| **Approachtime:** 1h | **Tourtime:** 11h | **Returntime:** 2h |
| **Altitude entry:** 1300m | **Altitude exit:** 430m | **Delta Altitude:** 870m |
| **Canyon length:** 3700m | **Highest rapell:** 101m | **Amount rapells:** |
| **Transport:** | **Rock type:** | **Drainage area:** km² |
| **Season:** | **Orientation:** | **Best Time:** |
| **Rating:** ☆ 4.9 (3) | **Info:** ★ 2.5 (2) | **Belay:** ★ 1.5 (2) |

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**

**Summary:** (machine translated)
The "hammer canyon" par excellence, not only in Reunion. High and "airy" rappel as part of an 11 hour tour.

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)
First drive from St. Andre on the D48 11.9 km from the bridge over the Rivière Mât in the direction of Salazie, Hellbourg. At the bus stop "Bras de Caverne" between the hamlet of Ilet Morine and Salazie, park the car for the exit.\n\nBack to St. Andre with the second car, over the mentioned bridge, turn right on the highway N2. In St. Benoit turn right on the N3. We drive until Bras des Calumets and take here the route de la fôret de Bébour-Bélouve. A few hundred meters before reaching the Gîte de Bélouve, we see a large parking lot on the left of the road. Here we leave the car for the access. Transfer distance over 60 km in about 1h45min.

**Approach:** (machine translated)
From the parking lot it is common to continue to the Gîte de Bélouve and from there take the "Sentier du Trou de Fer". The path meets a forest track called "Allée Cavalière". Now turn left until the Sentier de Trou de Fer pulls away from the dirt road again on the left. Where the trail describes a right turn of 90 degrees (on the IGN map "1404") we take the canyoneering track that continues in the previous direction. It leads us to the edge of the cauldron and then down into the streambed of the Bras de Caverne.\n\tIt seems from the map that it would be faster to go back from the parking lot about 750m on the Route Forestière 2 de Bébour-Bélouve, passing the beginning of the track Route Forestière 25 des Fleurs Jaunes until the "Allée Cavalière" turns left (On the IGN map "1537"). After 700m on this track, another track walks towards it from the right, 100m further on, the "Sentier du Trou de Fer" comes from the left. From here the continuation is identical to the first described path (see red dotted line on map).

**Tour:** (machine translated)
It begins with a step of about 180m (highest rappel 92m). This is followed by a step of about 150m (highest rappel about 81m).\nThen rappel down the vertical wall about 260m into the actual cauldron. Here there are 2 routes: One close to the rappel (highest rappel 101m) and the usual one between the strong waterfall and the two smaller ones (Cascade de Harmonie). This latter route includes 2x96m rappel with the pendulum to stand between them.\nNow you reach the Bassin des grands vents, near which under a boulder used to bivouac at night.\nAfter that, you enter the "corridor" that leads to the exit. Again, 2 options: Either directly in and at the Bras de Caverne - "La Lessiveuse" - or via the Bassin Fénoir at the foot of the Bras Mazerin - waterfall. In the "Corridor" then many swimming sections, small rappel and downclimb.\n

**Return:** (machine translated)
Once we arrive in Ilet du Bras de Caverne (430m alt.), we follow the path that goes up to the left to the ridge and beyond down to the D48 at Salazie (see to the path in the opposite direction: https://randopitons.re/randonnee/1163-sentier-bras-caverne-salazie-vers-trou-fer )

**Coordinates:**
Canyon Start -21.0417 55.5457
Parking at Exit -21.0194 55.5512
Canyon End -21.0190 55.5617
Parking Entry and Exit -21.0630 55.5385
Waypoint -21.0465 55.5484

**Reports:**

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2025-12-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Trou de Fer sentier d'accès ok, penser à prendre un sécateur pour nettoyer la vigne marronne qui gêne le passage à plusieurs endroits. Equipement correct dans l'ensemble , quelques mc fixes vieillissantes sont à changer.Cassé 1 : il faut bien suivre les indications topos bien rédigées pour prendre les bons relais. La mc fixe sous R7 bien que récente n'est pas désolidarisée à chaque point.Cassé 2 : R10 la chaine de gauche mériterait d'être reprise sur le point basCassé 3 : R15 plusieurs bolt sont à moitié sortisNous n'avons pas pu bivouaquer sous le rocher (groupe de 10 personnes devant nous) et nous avons enchainé en entrant par l'aval du bassin fénoir : équipement correctSentier de sortie : les petits écriteaux mis en place par la LRSC sont toujours en place et permettent de ne pas se tromper. Après le col quelques branches en travers, le nettoyage sentier réalisé en 2022 nécessiterait un petit rafraichissement. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21117/observations.html)

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2025-01-02 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
We did the "Bras de Caverne" variant. Based on the last entry, we opted for the dry variant to the left for the second step and for the one close to the waterfall for the third step. Take enough rope with you (a 100m rope would have been far too short on the C101). Take enough water with you for the bivouac (e.g. filter into empty plastic bottles), as there is no water source directly there and the path to it is difficult. It was light for us at around 5am and you are definitely woken up by the helicopters at around 6am. We had sun at about 10/half 11 at the bivouac. We then entered the corridor via the Bassin Fénoir. The rest of the canyon was very slippery. (machine translated)

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2024-11-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Trou de Fer Parcouru dans l'actif pour les cassés 2 et 31er cassé : RAS⚠ 2ème cassé attention ⚠ : PLUS DE RELAIS R10, parti avec l'éboulement. Tout est instable!Rappel de R9 jusqu'en bas⚠, beaucoup de bloc coincé (risque d'y laisser la corde) et frottements ++++. On a réchap sur un béquet rd. 3 éme cassé : RAS Lessiveuse : RAS (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21117/observations.html)

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2023-09-27 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
We have made the variant par macerine. At the moment little water. Hooks or stands in mediocre condition, some very bad and very rusty. Some slings would have to be replaced urgently. A Friend in the size 0.75 (from BD) has helped us a lot with the first rappel from the C270 (as a diverter). The important thing is, don't leave out a pulley, otherwise you won't get to the belaystation!!! We slept in the gorge at the bivy under the C270 (is now well cut out). Gorge is very very slippery. Full concentration is needed from the beginning to the end. If you do this gorge, you have to think in advance who makes where which stand with which rope. Otherwise, an incredibly great and breathtaking canyon. Now and then it makes sense to skip intermediate stands and rappel directly from the top (not with the C270). A dream canyon in an incredible landscape. (machine translated)

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