Ruisseau de la Hillette

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Country: France **Region:** Occitanie **Subregion:** Ariège **Town:** Ustou		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 V	**Total time:** 6h30
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 1545m	**Altitude exit:** 1315m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 415m	**Highest rapell:** 115m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Vertical mountain stream in beautiful surroundings (Cirque de Cagateille).

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Very enclosed, no escape.
Significant commitment under the C40.

Access: (machine translated)
From Saint Girons, head towards Seix and then turn left towards Guzet-Neige. Further ahead, leave the road to Guzet on your left and turn right onto the D38. Continue as far as Stillon (Goose Paste), where you turn left to reach the starting point for the Cirque de Cagateille at the exit of the road.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, take the path that leads gently up to the Cirque de Cagateille. Once at the foot of the cirque, follow a well-maintained path that climbs sharply in the undergrowth and leads to the Étang de la Hillette. At the edge of the forest, at an altitude of 1543 m, leave the path and keep to the right, following the contour line. You will reach a rocky outcrop which you follow to an altitude of around 1570 m. From there, you descend more or less well down a first canyon, cross it and climb up a ridge where, at about 1545 m (finally), you will find the tree that marks the starting point of the hike.

Tour: (machine translated)
Vertical mountain stream in beautiful surroundings (Cirque de Cagateille).
45 m of ropes are enough if you do everything in the RG in the big waterfall.
Descent for technicians and small groups.

The equipment is a bit outdated in places, but the large waterfall is secured with anchors. The equipment is varied, AN on tree trunks, on rocks, anchors, double rings, spits: so very good for training!!!

Return: (machine translated)
After the last waterfall, walk along the river for about 20 minutes. You return to the path you took on the way there.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.7385 1.3013
Canyon End 42.7409 1.2991
Parking Entry and Exit 42.7561 1.2873

Reports:

2025-08-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Crazy | 👍 Completed
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