La Vogealle

Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval,Canyon de la Vogealle

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Country: France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Haute-Savoie **Town:** Sixt-Fer-à-Cheval		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h30
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1380m	**Altitude exit:** 1030m	**Delta Altitude:** 350m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x40m, 2x70m

Summary: (machine translated)
Canyoning for professionals. A great adventure for experienced canyoners.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Access to the horseshoe is now prohibited, you park in the established parking lots downstream and cross the footbridge of Giffrenant, the difference in the duration of the route is not significant, but you change in the middle of the tourists.
In 2009, a new parking lot was created and signposted on the right bank of the Giffre (wooden bridge), below Giffrenant, between Giffre and Nant des Joathons, saving about 500 meters. More inconspicuous parking spaces are available in the parking lot.
Parking is strictly forbidden along the D907.
Another note: the parking lot is paid in summer (2.50€) or you must arrive before 8am or park at the exit of Nambride, far, very far away.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the river Giffre as far as the Buvette du Prazon (2nd bridge). Take the path on the left towards Refuge de la Vogealle. It climbs a steep passage.
At the Chalets de Borets, turn right towards Bout du Monde. At the footbridge, descend the stream to reach the 1st waterfall.
Access possible via the exit of the world, you walk past the foot of the waterfall and other equally beautiful waterfalls; 20/30 min more, but more comfortable.

Tour: (machine translated)
A continuous series of large verticals in a beautiful hollow with a magnificent panorama. From the second rappel of 2 x 65 m, the rappels line up perfectly without putting the rope down.
With a very large current, the start of the MC of the last rappel is not visible in the active.
You would have to rig this MC in the RG in the counter-current to cross the active to the RD start and use it for a lead or unclutch from below.
The first person to do this, watch out!

ObligationThe only possible way out is at the exit of the first abseil. After that, no exit is possible.
Caution: In spring, when the high firn melts and cannot be seen from the start, the flow can increase considerably in the early afternoon.

History
Groupe Spéléo d'Hauteville Lompnes (M. Cavet, P. Flochon, B. Hugon) in 1989.

Notes
Beware of friction. Risk of jamming the rope on the first rappel (last one better to use the relay).
Currently MC start in the basin at the level of the relay to be used preferably, many unstable rocks on the upper MC.

Return: (machine translated)
In 2009 :
- either continue RD du Giffre to Giffrenant and then go back down towards plan des lacs to find the parking lot,
- or RG again, plan des lacs and turn right after the restaurant to find the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.1033 6.8451
Canyon End 46.1029 6.8513
Parking Entry and Exit 46.0780 6.8374
Waypoint 46.0952 6.8459
Waypoint 46.1021 6.8452
Waypoint 46.1034 6.8448

Reports:

2025-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle DC+ fait sous la pluie, top conditions! Ras (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-08-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle RAS, gros frottements à gérer tout le long du canyon, final et vues magnifiques (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-08-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Débit tranquille, quelques frottements, bien débrailler et nickel, toujours aussi sympa la fin. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Une petite pépite... ;) Bueno José! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-08-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Parking 7€, si on peut mettre à jour la fiche. Approche 1h20 en passant par l’accès direct. L’équipement est en bon état mais parfois contre intuitif. Il ne semble pas non plus pensé pour un gros débit. On a mis 3h30 à descendre avec des petits pépins de manip’ (rien de méchant mais qui fait des nouilles et perdre du temp !) la descente s’embellit au fur et à mesure, avec une vue sur le cirque incroyable !Attention aux chutes de pierres dans certaines cascades, en particulier la c60 après la c20. Maitrise du debrayable du bas grande verticale indispensable, on ne se voit pas toujours. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-08-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Très beau canyon bien vertical, DC+ avec les pluies des jours précédents ! La première cascade ne pose pas de problème de coincement de corde si on fait une MC pour aller chercher le relais rive gauche au bord de la cascade. Canyon où on se fait applaudir par les touristes à la dernière cascade ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-07-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle DC avant l'arrivée de la pluie. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-07-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Fait en dc, debrayable du bas à chaque cascades, ça frotte fort.Les relais sont ok (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-07-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle RAS bien équipé (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-07-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle Canyon en Dc+ super ambiance avec ce debit ca pousse assez bien dans les rappels et ca glisse a quelques endroits prudence! Une bonne maîtrise des techniques de débrayage est indispensable pour le canyon. Un must a faire dans la region juste magique avec la vue sur le cirque, sensations garanties!! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)

2025-07-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vogealle DC- Avec les averses d’hier c’était juste parfait. Equipement RAS. J’ai échanger la dernière cordelette de 6mm pour atteindre le relais par une vrais sangle.Toujours beaucoup de monde en bas de la dernière cascade. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2146/observations.html)