Roches II

Rivière des Roches II,Rivière des Roches

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Country: France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** La Réunion / Reunion **Town:** Saint-Benoît		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h20
Approachtime: 35min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 130m	**Altitude exit:** 80m	**Delta Altitude:** 50m
Canyon length: 1150m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x25m

Summary: (machine translated)
River that can largely be navigated by kayak. Partly cut into lava corridors with longer walks and swims, interrupted by steps that can be rappelled, sometimes slid or jumped.
This is the second-to-last part, starting at the "Bassin la Mer" or in the Grand Bras side canyon above the Bassin la Mer. It exits after the "Bassin du Chien" in the following "Bassin Jeunesse"/"B. Longor"/"Bassin Anaïs".
Clarification: Contrary to the usual practice, the parts are organized with Roman numerals (I to V) and not in ascending order from top to bottom, but following the structure of Pascal Colas in his book, from bottom to top. This means that the lowest ascent part has the number I, the highest the number V. In the following, we are dealing with part II, i.e. the 2nd part from the bottom, which is also the 4th part from the top.
In some cases, sections II and I are not separated, e.g. in the writings and in Ricaric's book, where only the "Rivière des Roches" is mentioned.
The transparency of the descriptions also suffers from the fact that, for example, the entry points are indicated differently. Pascal Colas, for example, wants to enter part II via the orographic right-hand side stream Grand Bras, while others only start the descent at the outflow of the "Bassin la mer". In some descriptions, Part I overlaps with Part II when the entry into the last Part I is above the "Bassin Chien" and not at the "Bassin Longor", as described elsewhere.
In addition, the names of the individual lake-like pools are not uniform. For example, the large pond named "Bassin Longor" by Ricaric is called "Bassin Jeunesse" on openstreetmap, while Pascal Colas refers to it as the "grand bassin après le bassin du Chien", i.e. the large basin after the Bassin des Hundes. Other maps also use the term "Bassin Anaïs". However, there is agreement on the names "Bassin la Mer" and "Bassin la Paix".
In some cases - especially in Ricaric's work - distinctive places are given their own names; see "Tour" for more details.
The structure of Pascal Colas is used here with certain modifications. The descriptions (parts I and II) at descente-canyon.com also correspond to this.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
We leave the highway N2 between Bras-Panon and St. Benoit and drive to the Bassin la Paix in the Rivière des Roches (see map at photos). Here we park the car.

Approach: (machine translated)
Either at the lower exit of the "Bassin la Mer" or already in the orographic right side canyon Grand Bras. The access here is after the bridge over which the access path leads at the exit, on the right down to the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
If we enter via Grand Bras, a 30m step (25m/5m) awaits us before we reach the Bassin la Mer.
A 3m step follows after the B. la Mer. After the following 700m walk and swim, we see "la Grande Arche", a natural arch. About 300m further on we can jump into the Bassin du Chien (7m). This penultimate part exits with the Bassi nJeunesse that follows directly after.

Return: (machine translated)
We can exit here on the right, up to the access path and on this down to the car.
However, it is usual to continue the descent in the lowest part (I), see description there.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start -21.0337 55.6643
Canyon End -21.0310 55.6713
Alternative Canyon Start -21.0350 55.6624
Parking Entry and Exit -21.0232 55.6707

Reports:

2025-11-06 | System User | | | | Normal | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Roches II Fait à 4 en moins de 2 heures.On a ajouté une cordelette au premier rappel sur l'arbre. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21453/observations.html)

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Parts:
Roches II, v3 a4 III, 35min+2h30+15min
Roches I, v3 a4 III, 30min+3h+15min