Balène

Colostre,Ravin de Balène

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-de-Haute-Provence **Town:** Moustiers Sainte-Marie		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a1 III	**Total time:** 1h40
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 1h10	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 880m	**Altitude exit:** 830m	**Delta Altitude:** 50m
Canyon length: 950m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.1 (2)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:
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Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Relatively open and small canyon, with little water in summer, also good for beginners.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Castellane (on the Verdon, on the Route Napoleon) on the D 952 via La Palud-sur-Verdon to Moustiers-Sainte-Marie (approx. 45 km).\nFrom Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, continue on the D 952 towards Riez. About 3 km after the village, we drive through 2 hairpin bends and come to a hill about 1 km further on. Here we turn right towards Montdernier. The road also leads to a campsite and the ruins of Egaras.
4.4 km after the junction, we turn left at a prominent tree in the road triangle onto a dirt road, ride slightly downhill for about 1 km, cross the Colostre stream and ride another 800 m in a left-hand bend up the opposite slope. We reach a saddle and park the car here.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the saddle, a clear path leads down to the left (in a southerly direction) and we come to the stream on it about 100 m above the beginning of the gorge.

Tour: (machine translated)
Friendly short canyon with small rappels.

Return: (machine translated)
At the exit of the canyon, we take the path up to the right (north direction). It leads us to a dirt road where we turn right (keeping right in case of doubt) to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 43.8798 6.2082
Canyon End 43.8794 6.2036
Parking Entry and Exit 43.8813 6.2087

Reports:

2025-09-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Canyon sec présentant un bel encaissement avec des jolis petits rappels. Ne pas espérer le faire sans se mouiller les pieds et même plus ! Certaines vasques s'évitent. D'autres vasques non surtout dans la deuxième moitié, alors à moins d'être très habile, le plouf est garanti ! La piste pour accéder au parking est très cabossée, un 4x4 ou un SUV passera sans difficulté pour les autres véhicules c'est plus compliqué, préférer une grande marche d'approche pour ne pas abimer votre voiture. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-09-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Qq vasques avec de l eau croupie (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-06-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Canyon ludique idéal pour une initiation (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-05-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Acces qui permet d'éviter la piste qui m'a paru bien limite en voiture de tourisme: se garer avant le Castillon à l'altitude 870 d'où une piste puis un chemin à flanc à droite rejoint le canyon un peu après sa sortie. Monter alors par le chemin RD (cf retour du topo) pour arriver à l'entrée. A la sortie, on connecte facilement avec le chemin pris à l'aller (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-05-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Dommage que l’eau se trouble en marchant . (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-05-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Ras debit corect equipement ok (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-05-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène DC ++, vraiment sympa suite aux pluies dernières, parcouru en 1 bonne heure à 3.Équipement ok (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

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all waterfalls work. Quite the experience to go to the starting point with our campervan. We came from the north, Saint-Jurs and that path is doable-ish for the first part but gets really tricky after the last switchback. I think its better to park in that switchback instead of pushing on. From the south i think its even a bigger challenge after you cross le colostre, i think most cars wont make it to the starting point from that side, but maybe you can park earlier than suggested.

2025-04-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène DC++, cela pousse bien, belle ambiance du coup !! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2025-03-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène Bien en eau !! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2024-10-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balène En complément du Riou, sympa avec de l'eau. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2111/observations.html)

2024-09-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
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