Bras de Sainte Suzanne (Bois Court)

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Country: France **Region:** Réunion (La) / Reunion **Subregion:** arrondissement de Saint-Pierre **Town:** Le Tampon

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v2 a5 II	**Total time:** 7h30
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 2h
Altitude entry: 790m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 1700m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)
No details

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The water level seems to be relatively constant. It should be avoided after heavy rainfall.

Access: (machine translated)
From the Plaine des Cafres, drive to the village of Bois Court, cross it and park in the parking lot of the viewpoint (water clock).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the viewpoint, descend along the edge of the plateau to a well-marked path that leads down to the Grand Bassin. Cross a first bridge at the entrance to the hamlet and then climb back up. Turn right, pass the chapel and follow the path uphill for about 20 minutes. At a fork in the path, turn left onto the descending path. Shortly afterwards, you will cross a bridge. Shortly afterwards you will reach the starting point.

Tour: (machine translated)
A very entertaining canyon, of which there are only a few on the island.
A succession of jumps and slides that get further and further apart as the tour progresses. At the beginning, the walls are narrow, but gradually they give way and you progress further and further between the boulders. A first exit is possible at the entrance to Grand Bassin, via a path on the left bank that leads you back to the chapel. You can continue on to reach a second part, which includes 4 jumps and 1 slide in a less incised part. The water is clear and somewhat cool.
Pay attention to the water movements (big slide at the beginning of the section) and the depth of the pools (especially at the 2nd jump in the second part).
The large slide at the beginning can be bypassed by rappelling down the trees on the right bank or jumping from the same spot.
It is possible to make the entire descent without ropes.
It is also possible to descend the waterfall at the exit of the route described. In this case, you should plan on rappelling routes of 40 or 50 m and also take the appropriate equipment with you, as the slabs have been removed and only the bolts remain. We did not descend.
You are on the right bank in a dry arm (on this day), far from the waterfall.

It is possible to get to safety almost all the way down and get out safely if you are not afraid of getting caught in the vegetation. As all obstacles (except the last waterfall) can be overcome without ropes, equipment is limited to the bare essentials, and it is possible to find natural anchors anyway.

Waterhole halfway between the viewpoint and Grand Bassin.
We particularly liked this little canyon, hence a rating of 3/4.
There is plenty of accommodation in Grand Bassin, so you can take it easy and enjoy the area.

Return: (machine translated)
When you get off at the top of the waterfall, take the path on the right bank and walk upstream. The path crosses the river at the height of a filao tree and shortly afterwards meets a path (turn left) that leads to a large pool. Now all you have to do is return to the viewpoint along the same path as the descent.
If you get off at the foot of the waterfall, a path on the right bank behind the catch basin will take you back to the exit at the top of the waterfall and you will reach the path described above.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit -21.1926 55.5376
Canyon Start -21.1723 55.5353
Canyon End -21.1841 55.5299

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