

# Torrent du Beal Noir

Torrent de Saint-Crépin,Beal Noir

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Country: France    Region: Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur    Subregion: Hautes-Alpes Town: Saint-Crépin		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 I	Total time: 2h35
Approachtime: 30min	Tourtime: 2h	Returntime: 5min
Altitude entry: 1250m	Altitude exit: 900m	Delta Altitude: 350m
Canyon length: 600m	Highest rapell: 15m	Amount rapells: 9
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: slate	Drainage area: 2.08km²
Season:	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time: 11-17 o'clock
Rating: ★ 2.9 (13)	Info: ★ 2.6 (12)	Belay: ★ 2.5 (13)
Specialities: suitable in rainy weather,		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 20m		
Summary: (machine translated) A small but beautiful canyon. Ideal for practicing different techniques in the canyon, as there are many different stands within a short distance. The Torrent de Saint-Crépin can also easily be climbed twice in succession.		
Hydrology: (machine translated) Usually only a small rinsal. Immediately after rain there can be a large amount of water with a lot of sediment, but only 2 hours after heavy rain there is an optimal amount of water with clear water.		
Access: (machine translated) RN 94 between Embrun and Briançon, stop in the village of Saint-Crépin. Park near the cemetery.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the cemetery, walk uphill on the left-hand side of the river. Pass a water reservoir and follow a well-marked path in serpentines. Walk uphill to an altitude of 1250 meters. From here, leave the path towards the canyon by turning right at a green-marked tree. After a short walk between fir trees, a handrail leads to an abseiling point on a tree. Rappel about 15 meters, overhanging at the exit.		

**Tour:** (machine translated)

|#01| o ENTRANCE

|#01| o MARCH | Walk a few meters along the stream.

|#02| o MC | 2 short rope edges with fixed ropes from the tree on the left to the chain on the right

|#02| o Cascade 6.90 meters | chain on the right side

|#02| . . . . With a lot of water at least 25m ropes to get safely to the next chain.

|#03| o Cascade 9.30 meters | chain on the left side

|#03| . . . . Optional Rappel Guide with 40m ropes if there is a lot of water

|#04| o Cascade 11.90 meters | chain on the right side, rappel in 2 steps with pool after 4 meters

|#05| o Cascade 7.20 meters | fixed ropes on the left

|#06| o Cascade 7.60 meters | Several anchors (some longer!) available

|#06| [Pool]

|#07| o MC | 3 meter rope traverse on the left side

|#07| o Cascade 9.80 meters | 2 anchors on the left side

|#08| o MARCHE+DES | A few minutes walk with several small downclimbs (maximum height: 2.60 meters)

|#08| . . . . Partial rappel from the tree possible.

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|#09| EXIT - emergency exit | Optional exit/entry on the hiking trail

|#09| Viewpoint

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| Part 2

|#10| o DES | 2m downclimb

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|#11| o Cascade 3.50 meters | anchor behind the boulder

|#12| o Cascade 11.70 meters | chain left and anchor right

|#12| . . . . often indicated as C18.

|#13| o Cascade 4.80 meters | 2 anchors right

|#14| o AN 4 to 8 meters | rappel from the tree

|#14| . . . . Option 1: 4 meter rappel + DES: 4 meter downclimb

|#14| . . . . Option 2: 8 meter rappel

|#14| [Pool]

|#15| o DES | 5m downclimb

Commitment

Little commitment.

Historic

A. Bach, M. Brunello, C. Chillet, P. Droin in September 1991.

Remarks

Beautiful, sunny descent offering a lovely view of the Durance.

This canyon is still called "Torrent de Saint-Crépin".

Canyon rarely flooded; with an "unsurprising" amount of water (visible from the parking lot).

It is possible to take a shuttle bus up to the hamlet of "Le Villard". In this case, the approach time is replaced by a fairly "vegetative" river walk of about ten minutes before arriving at the canyon proper.

**Return:** (machine translated)

Exit left via the small path.

### Coordinates:

Canyon Start [44.7085 6.6127](#)

Canyon End [44.7066 6.6111](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [44.7056 6.6106](#)

Waypoint [44.7078 6.6127](#)

### Reports:

2025-08-28 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Immediately after prolonged significant rainfall. Initially a relatively high volume of water that was enriched with sediment. Immediately afterwards, the water was clear and the amount of water had decreased noticeably in the meantime. At first glance, the anchors appear to be "completely new, top condition", but there are technical errors in the installation of the anchors that not every renter recognizes and could still be dangerous. (machine translated)

2025-08-21 | Uschi Winter | ★★★★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Climbed twice. Nice little canyon. Little water. All anchors fixed. (machine translated)

2025-06-09 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

3 times - 2 glue bolts on the 2nd abseil are loose.

2025-06-05 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

The glue bolts on the second anchor are moving. Both of them.

2025-05-16 | Anouk | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

Was nice to do with this waterflow. We went with a group, they got cold because of the high water. For beginners abseiling through the waterflow might be a bit scary.

2024-08-05 | Canyon Dave | 📖📖📖 | ★★★★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

From corner of the cemetery, walk uphill to point A on the map crossing the river and continue on the left-hand side of the river. Pass a water reservoir and follow a well-marked path in serpentine. Exit B to the corner of the cemetery, don't use this small (exit) path to enter the canyon. From point B climbing up is too steep and dangerous!

2022-10-05 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Dry | 🟢 Completed

We didn't need Neoprene. Video of the tour with a very detailed description:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOyznaMpiR4> (machine translated)

2022-09-28 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Dry | 🟢 Completed

There was very little water to be found. (machine translated)

2018-09-23 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

This canyon is best walked twice (machine translated)

2017-09-18 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

The amount of water in the Beal Noir is usually low (machine translated)

2015-09-26 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Several days after heavy rainfall we (still) have optimal conditions in Beal Noir. (machine translated)

2015-09-20 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

The amount of water after rain decreases relatively quickly. (machine translated)

2015-09-16 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

Relatively much water for this canyon after very heavy rainfall (machine translated)