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: March - November	**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:

2025-09-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Beal Noir (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20256/observations.html)

2025-08-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Beal Noir Après une nuit et une matinée pluvieuses, le ruisseau a un débit correct. Celui-ci a toutefois déjà diminué lors de notre descente.Je ne comprends malheureusement pas les commentaires précédents concernant la qualité des ancrages. Le matériel utilisé est certes de grande qualité, mais le travail a manifestement été mal exécuté. Dans presque tous les trous, la quantité de colle utilisée est insuffisante, certains crochets dépassent nettement trop du mur. (https://ig-klettern.org/2021/05/ammerthaler-wand-die-ursache-des-hakenbruchs/). Et pour couronner le tout, le crochet inférieur du deuxième relais bouge.Tout cela pris ensemble, on ne peut certainement pas parler d'un équipement « très bien équipé », mais plutôt d'un équipement « nécessitant une rénovation ».PS : le relais pour le premier rappell n'est pas la sangle autour de l'arbre, mais le relais dans la roche en dessous, un peu plus en arrière. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20256/observations.html)

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)

2025-08-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Beal Noir On a pris le sentier juste après la buse, signalé par un cairn.A part le premier rappel (anneau de corde sur AN), très bien équipé. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20256/observations.html)

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 lose.

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 serpentines. 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 to steep and dangerous!

2022-10-05 | Christian Balla | ☆☆☆ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★★ | ≋ Dry | 👍 Completed
We didn't need Neoprean. 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)