Gorges de Malvaux

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Country: France **Region:** Bourgogne-Franche-Comté **Subregion:** Jura **Town:** Foncine-le-Bas		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 I	**Total time:** 1h30
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 770m	**Altitude exit:** 730m	**Delta Altitude:** 40m
Canyon length: 600m	**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)
Water hike.
The canyon is open and wide. Alternating small rapids and small drop-offs with opportunities to swim and jump sideways.

COORDINATES taken from descente Canyon - not verified.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
No obligation, no collection, possibility to avoid difficulties.
Strong torrent that can only be navigated comfortably at low water.
Caution, a large eddy (in front of a C4) must be avoided at all costs, even with a moderate current! Beware of dizziness!
Even at low water, the water is not very clear, so be careful when jumping!

Remember to bring a light for the group to cross the tunnel on the way back.
You share this wild place with other enthusiasts: the fishermen!
The utmost respect is therefore required. Avoid departures at dawn and late in the evening.

Access: (machine translated)
In Foncine-le-Bas, take the Route des Douanets over the viaduct (Tram Jurassienne parking lot).
It is forbidden to cross the bridge. Park in the designated parking lot (former disused streetcar line that runs along the canyons to Les Planches-en-Montagne (Langouette)) to reach the Bief de la Ruine.

Approach: (machine translated)
Continue for about 500 m and get into the water at the metal barrier and the small ledge.

Tour: (machine translated)
Water hike.
The canyon is open and wide. Alternating small rapids and small steps with opportunities to swim and jump sideways.
Towards the exit, there is only one real waterfall, but it can be bypassed (handrail) and offers nice possible jumps of up to 7 meters.

Return: (machine translated)
150 m after the C15, look for a path that goes up the right bank (cairn) on the streetcar line you took on the way there. BRING A FLASHLIGHT TO CROSS THE TUNNEL!

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 46.6406 6.0296

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