

# Faterieu

Cascades de Faterieu, Arène

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**Country:** France **Region:** Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes **Subregion:** Ain **Town:** Virieu le Grand

**Difficulty:** not as difficult

**Grading:** v3 a2 I

**Total time:** 1h33

**Approachtime:** 1min

**Tourtime:** 1h10

**Returntime:** 22min

**Altitude entry:** 660m

**Altitude exit:** 590m

**Delta Altitude:** 70m

**Canyon length:** 500m

**Highest rapell:** 18m

**Amount rapells:** 7

**Transport:** Car optional

**Rock type:**

**Drainage area:** km<sup>2</sup>

**Season:**

**Orientation:**

**Best Time:**

**Rating:** ★ 0.7 (1)

**Info:** ★ 0 ()

**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**

Ropes: 2x20m

**Summary:** (machine translated)

Low water forest gorge

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)

After bypassing Geneva on the Swiss N 1 after the national border, take the A 401 towards Lyon, Dijon, Paris for about 2.5 km, then at the highway junction take the A 40 towards Lyon, Dijon, Paris. After another 23 km, take exit 11 (Bellegarde Center) in the direction of Fragny, Seyssel. 6 km further on, on leaving Mons, turn right onto the D 992 and continue through Seyssel and Culoz (another 23 km), where you continue on the D 904 (towards Bourg-en-Bresse) for a further 8.5 km to Artemare (62 km in total from the border).

From here, continue on the D904 in the direction of Amberieu-en-Bugey. We reach the village of Virieu-le-Grand. Here we turn off onto the D53 in the direction of Thézillieu. The road climbs in bends for about 10 km before reaching the plateau where the road crosses the stream. Park your car here.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

Next to the road bridge directly into the stream.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

With no water flow, this is something for collectors at best.

Below the exit is a powerful karst spring that feeds a waterfall worth seeing. However, this attractive passage is not accessible - probably forbidden in order not to reduce the water quality and to protect the sensitive waters (mosses, sinter).

**Return:** (machine translated)

After the C 9 that follows the C 17, turn right onto the forest road. Follow it until the tarred road, then turn right about 500 m to the car.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [45.8565 5.6229](#)

Canyon End [45.8551 5.6289](#)

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