

Vallière

Ravin de la Vallière

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Country: France **Region:** Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur / Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur **Subregion:** Alpes-Maritimes **Town:** Rigaud

Difficulty: not as difficult

Grading: v3 a2 II

Total time: 4h5

Approachtime: 1h30

Tourtime: 2h30

Returntime: 5min

Altitude entry: 1080m

Altitude exit: 895m

Delta Altitude: 185m

Canyon length: 600m

Highest rapell: 30m

Amount rapells: 15

Transport: on Foot

Rock type:

drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation: East

Best Time: 10-14 o clock

Rating: ★ 2.4 (2)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)

Lonely rappel canyon in red pelite

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Nice 54 km up the Var valley on the N 202 towards Digne. Then (about 1 km after the village of Touet-sur-Var) turn right (north) onto the D 28 into the Vallée de Cians. First through the Gorges de Cians and later in serpentines into the upper canyon (direction Beuil). About 16 km after the turnoff from the N 202, one comes through a first shorter tunnel. About 2 km further on, a second tunnel appears. We park our vehicle in the parking lot in front of the tunnel entrance.

Approach: (machine translated)

We go back on the road for about 250 m (southwards) and at the marker "211" we start the path upwards to "Ciabanon" (signpost). It goes up in some switchbacks, later crossing southward to the few houses of Ciabanon (1045 m a.s.l.). \nNow the path finding starts to become more difficult. Although there is a clear path in northern direction on the above mentioned map, it is hardly recognizable already from Ciabanon; many tracks walk in the announced northern direction. Since the path from Ciabanon climbs quite gently and continuously, it seems reasonable to first climb in a northwesterly direction for about 20 meters of altitude at the houses (past the bee boxes - 2010) and then walk northward along the slope at the same altitude. If you are lucky, you will come across the now more clearly recognizable trail about 200 meters further on (GPS: 44°1'12.27 "N/6°58'37.85 "E). On this track we cross a wide chute that descends the slope, only to find on the opposite slope that the clear track has dissolved again. So we climb pathless on the opposite slope for about 25 to 30 vertical meters and meet a black plastic line (about 5 cm in diameter). We follow it - the path seems clearer from time to time - until we come to a rock bar. We fight our way down through the prickly macchia until we find a passage to the left. If we are right, we can traverse the sloping scree cirque on a wire rope belay just below the rock. Afterwards we climb steeply again for 5 - 10 meters and we meet the path again on a rocky ledge. It is now clearer and after some time leads us to the stream where the water is drained in the black pipe. The difficult of our tour we have now done.\nIf you are a friend of the maquis, you can save the double horizontal crossing (to Ciabanon and the same length route then in the opposite direction) and try to fight from the left serpentine at about 990 m a.s.l. in a westerly direction through the maquis directly up to the upper "path" - GPS - position given above.

Tour: (machine translated)

Apparently rarely visited canyon in slippery red rock, which except for an arduous access does not offer the class as its northern neighbor Raton, but is also much shorter.

Return: (machine translated)

After the rappel to the road bridge out to the right, down the road (south direction), around the tunnel outside and we are at the car.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [44.0253 6.9720](#)

Canyon End [44.0255 6.9760](#)

Reports:

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