

Hidan Upper

Wadi el Hidan Upper, Wadi Al Wala, Wadi Alhaydan, Hidan superieur

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Country: Jordan **Region:** مادبا / ابادام / Muḥafazat Madaba **Subregion:** دهبان / Dhiban **Town:** عاصق / عاليه

Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v2 a3 III	Total time: 8h32
Approach time: 2min	Tour time: 7h	Return time: 1h30
Altitude entry: 100m	Altitude exit: -100m	Delta Altitude: 200m
Canyon length: 5000m	Highest rappel: 5m	Amount rappels: 1
Transport: Car optional	Rock type: basalt	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 2.9 (1)	Info: ★ 0 ()	Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

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Gear:

Ropes: Notseil - 10m

Summary:

(machine translated)

Aquatic canyon with swimming passages and canyons.

Reservoir in the upper reaches.

Hydrology:

Access:

(machine translated)

We continue on the old "Kings Highway" road "35" (Madaba - Karak).

About 65 km from Karak to the north and 10 km after driving through the village of Dhiban, we come to the bridge over the Wadi Wala, the upper reaches of the Wadi el Hidan. If we are coming from the north, it is 24 km from Madaba (city center) to here.

We turn off to the south of the bridge and drive 17 km downhill along the wadi. We then arrive at the entry to the upper parts of the Hidan Upper and park our (possibly first) car here.

If we have 2 vehicles available or if we only want to walk the lower section of the Hidan Upper, we park our (possibly second) car after another 1.2 km on this road. This is the point where the road "says goodbye" to the wadi in a right-hand bend.

Approach:

(machine translated)

Entry at "P1" directly into the wadi at the basalt slabs (2 min.). The waterfall is bypassed to the right, then you climb 3m on grippy rock down into the streambed.

Entry at "P2": On a clear path - in the course down to the left view of the final waterfalls of the first part - down into the wadi (20 min.).

Tour: (machine translated)

If we get on at the beginning of the upper part - "P 1" - a river walk between high walls, mostly on grown rock, awaits us. Some swimming stretches, some steps for downclimbing, partly a bit tricky and an impressive final passage with a double waterfall with possible jumps. After that the canyon opens and we can climb up in a right turn to "P 2" (25 min.).

As we continue up the 2nd part, the canyon shows a bit more open, but still scenic. We rappelled down a small step that seemed a bit too tricky for downclimbing/sliding/jumping.

Then we pass our later exit (up to the right at some larger bushes), but continue walking for about 1 km until we come to the high waterfall called Barta, which signifies the end of an ascent of Wadi Hidan Upper.

For the exit we go back the 1 km and then at the mentioned place with the big bushes on the left (northwards) out (see photo 10 at the first photo link - 2007).

Return: (machine translated)

Over the gravel cone with the large bushes we go up to a rock passage, which we climb up near the streambed (not difficult). At the top, we then keep pathless or on goat paths on the orographic. right side of the wadi up the slope and at the top we come across a clear path that we follow continuously. It meets a dirt road that brings us - to the right - to the car ("P2").

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [31.5064 35.6864](#)

Parking at Entry [31.5068 35.6863](#)

Parking at Exit [31.4899 35.6741](#)

Canyon End [31.4762 35.6582](#)

Intermediate Canyon Exit [31.4848 35.6770](#)

Alternative Canyon End [31.4743 35.6522](#)

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