

Butterfly Canyon

Kelebekler Vadisi, Butterfly Valley Kanyon

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Country: Türkiye / Turkey Region: Muğla / Mugla Subregion: Fethiye Town: Olüdeniz, Faralya		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a3 III	Total time: 3h25
Approachtime: 10min	Tourtime: 2h15	Returntime: 1h
Altitude entry: 280m	Altitude exit: 30m	Delta Altitude: 250m
Canyon length: 600m	Highest rapell: 55m	Amount rapells: 4
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: West	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.2 (3)	Info: ★ 0 ()	Belay: ★ 1 (1)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x60m		
Summary: (machine translated) Short vertical rappel canyon with permanent, though usually sparse, water flow.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From the town of Fethiye on the southern Aegean, we drive about 12 km south to Olüdeniz, a tourist stronghold beautifully situated on a bay with a lagoon and sandy beach. Towards the exit, the road descends steeply into the village. Where it begins to level out again - about 400m before reaching the coastal promenade - we turn left onto Kidiral CD towards Faralya. The road initially walks towards the slope and, as soon as it reaches the foot of the slope, turns right and heads south, gradually ascending along the coast (beautiful view of Olüdeniz). About 3.4 km after turning onto Kidiral CD, we drive around a large hotel complex located directly on the coast. The road now climbs steeply, partly in serpentines, and after a total of almost 8 km we reach the canyon rim above the Kelebekler Vadisi. The road branches off here, we keep to the right along the canyon rim and reach the sparsely built-up hamlet of Faralya 1.9 km after this fork in the road. We can park our car in a suitable place at the signs for "Tizar Mah". Alternatively, the parking area of "George House" can be considered for our car. However, you should contact the operator of the restaurant beforehand. This parking lot has the advantage of being We follow the signposted turn-off to the right down to "George House". In this case, you have to walk back along the road to the start of the descent to the stream.		
Approach: (machine translated) The descent to the stream takes place before the Gül Market down the tarred road on the right. Then you have to look for the most convenient access to the concrete streambed. The first option is blocked by a wire fence, but you can open it from the left if necessary, as it hangs loosely in the bushes here. The next access point is after the road dip. Before the small house, follow the path that leads steeply down to the right into the streambed after a few meters.		

Tour: (machine translated)

Once in the concrete bed of the stream, we follow it and the subsequent clear tracks, first on the right and later on the left side of the stream.

We come to the final entry at a prominent tree and a massive iron anchor on a large boulder in the middle of the stream.

The first rappel begins here (40m), followed by a diagonal rappel (20m - belay on the right) to the belay above the high and wide wall (left). The rappel here was also in 2015 (end of the year) from a combination of roots and branches of a tree. Even on our first ascent (in 2010), it was too unsafe for us to place an anchor in the brittle tufa. In 2024, the stand was fine.

Now you descend about 55m and come to a plateau-like ledge. There is now an alternative here to continue the descent. We took a route on the right-hand edge of the ledge, which is at best wetted by the water flow and the anchor is slightly below the ledge on the right. The rappelling routes here are also around 55m.

Alternatively, there is a direct descent from this ledge directly along or in the main watercourse. An anchor should be available, a rope protector is advisable in case of doubt. The abseil height here should - estimated ! - should be around 45m. This is probably the more athletic option. The further descent then takes place together again over iron steps and secured on massive fixed ropes. Even a "half-shoe tourist" can climb up to the last waterfalls. The ambience with the steep and high walls and chutes is impressive. Finally, you reach the bottom of the valley and walk out to the beach on pleasant paths.

Return: (machine translated)

The way back up to "George House" on the canyon rim is on the orographic left-hand side of the valley, starting at a wooden swing gate in a small stone wall and is signposted. For people who are sure-footed and have a head for heights, there are no difficulties on the ascent. More exposed passages are secured with ropes. You should still have something to drink here. Up to George House, there are constantly impressive views of the canyon exit and out to the beach and the sea.

In 2024, there was a prohibition sign at the start of the descent (repair work), but there was nothing similar to be seen from below at the start of the ascent.

Alternatively, during the tourist season, there is the option of being picked up from the beach by boat. This takes the canyonist to Olüdeniz and costs 400 TL (2024). In this case, a second vehicle in Olüdeniz would make sense.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [36.4970 29.1388](#)

Canyon End [36.4973 29.1320](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [36.4966 29.1401](#)

Waypoint [36.4956 29.1337](#)

Reports:

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We did the entire canyon in 3 rappels. Fantastic arrival at the sea. Way back up again on a very beautiful but somewhat exposed mountain path (machine translated)

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Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Butterfly Canyon C'est pas dingue mais le cadre est jolie. Rampe végétale dans le haut puis deux grands rappels moussus au milieu des branches coupées et des déchets plastiques. Juste en rive droite au dessus de la grande cascade sèche se trouve sapdere, superbe canyon sec avec oscuros et rappel max de 20m (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22490/observations.html>)

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