

Ribeira de Água d'Alto

Aqua Alto

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Country: Portugal Region: Madeira Subregion: Town: São Vicente		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a2 III	Total time: 1h45
Approachtime: 25min	Tourtime: 1h15	Returntime: 5min
Altitude entry: 125m	Altitude exit: 15m	Delta Altitude: 110m
Canyon length: 100m	Highest rapell: 90m	Amount rapells:
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: North	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.2 (6)	Info: ★ 2.5 (4)	Belay: ★ 2.7 (6)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 80m		
Summary: (machine translated) Very vertical and short.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) Road from São Vicente in the direction of Seixal. Park directly at the Agua Alto waterfall, just before the Agua de Alto tunnel.		
Approach: (machine translated) Follow the path up the left bank at the sewage treatment plant.		
Tour: (machine translated) C15 Rope traverse C15 c95 (C45, C50)		
Return: (machine translated) Go through the tunnel under the road to the Atlantic coast. Then turn right along the coast until after a few meters a staircase leads up to the road.		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 32.8093 -17.0603 Canyon End 32.8100 -17.0595 Parking Entry and Exit 32.8098 -17.0594		

Reports:

2025-06-08 | Marosffy Dániel | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 🚧★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Access path is rather steep but obvious, a bit overgrown and short (start by the green handrail, up to a water tank or what, than follow the pipeline). Takes 20-25 minutes. The big one needs careful logistics: 2m + 6m + 32m + 50m, all on the right. The two later ones are free-hanging, but at least out of water. Not as slippery as it seems.

2024-11-03 | Airmax | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 🚧★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Low water level. All stands in good condition. Access at the stairs with green handrail from the road. (machine translated)

2024-10-19 | Lucki ☐ | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★ | 🚧★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Short but always beautiful canyon. (machine translated)

2024-10-19 | Anja | ★★★★★ | 📖★ | 🚧★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Beautiful and super short abseil gorge with a view of the sea. All stands okay. At the bottom again a clapping crowd on the road. :) (machine translated)

2024-10-02 | Bina | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🚧★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Nice, very short tour to explore the north of the island in the afternoon. (machine translated)

2023-01-20 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🚧★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

A very short canyon with a beautiful, breathtaking waterfall with a fascinating view. There are two waterfalls in the Agua Alto canyon. The upper waterfall is still cut in, the C90 open with a view of the Atlantic. The second cascade, about 90 meters high, ends right next to the road (VE2, São Vicente - Porto Moniz) and flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The 90-metre waterfall is accessed in several intermediate stages. (machine translated)