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:** km²
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 ◫ | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 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 | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 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)