

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 ☐ | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 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)