Bimah

Wadi Bimah,Little/Short Snake Gorge/Canyon

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Country: عمان / Oman **Region:** محافظة جنوب الباطنة / Al Batinah South Governorate **Subregion:** **Town:** Zammah, Al Awabi

Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a1 III	**Total time:** 2h45
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 920m	**Altitude exit:** 750m	**Delta Altitude:** 170m
Canyon length: 3200m	**Highest rapell:** 3m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.2 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: Notseil - 10m

Summary: (machine translated)
Side climb to Wadi Bani Awf (Snake Gorge), a deep canyon (see also description there).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Muscat, we drive west on the "Muscat Expy" highway. After about 25 km we pass the third entrance/exit to Muscat International Airport and leave it about 35 km further (and shortly before its exit - anno 2015) south on Route 13 towards Nakhl, Awabi. After 27.5 km we pass Nakhl and after another 36 km we drive past Awabi towards Rustaq. About 4.4 km after the end of Awabi we turn off Route 13 and head SSW following the signs for "Wadi Bani Awf". After 21 km (from route 13) we have reached the houses of Zammah on the edge of the streambed of Wadi Bani Awf. Up to here you can normally get with a non 4x4 car. Here we leave 1 car - not in the river bed ! - stand. With the second one we go uphill, after 4.1 km on the left is the entry to the side canyon Wadi Bimah.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the piste directly into the gravelly streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
First in the gravelly and wide streambed to the beginning of the gorge. Then a little downclimb to the key point (point of no return). Here you could previously make a 2m - jump into a pool, but the latter is now sanded up - anno 2015. Although 2 bolts were present, but lugs and nuts were missing. If necessary and with appropriate intuition, one can slip here on friction. Continue with downclimb, also one or two small jumps are possible. Then we are at the confluence with the Wadi Bani Awf. We now pass the sinter "tunnel", the visual highlight of the tour. Then we have to walk and downclimb again. Finally the canyon opens, but only temporarily. At the exit there is again a narrow passage before you finally step out of the narrow walls, see also description Wadi Bani Awf.

Return: (machine translated)
Out of the canyons onto the dirt road and downstream to Zammah.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 23.2113 57.3847
Parking Entry and Exit 23.2162 57.4039
Parking at Entry 23.2113 57.3845
Canyon End 23.2121 57.4037
Waypoint 23.2070 57.3926

Reports:

2025-04-10 | Patrik Bartel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Mandatory jumps at the start. Still clear water despite the dry conditions. Pretty little canyon. (machine translated)

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