Hidan lower mit Hidan Siq

Wadi el Hidan Lower,Wadi Al Wala,Hidan Siq

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Country: الأردن / Jordan **Region:** مادبا / Muḥafazat Madaba **Subregion:** لواء ذيبان / Dhiban **Town:** محمية الموجب للمحيط الحيوي

Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 9h40
Approachtime: 1h10	**Tourtime:** 7h	**Returntime:** 1h30
Altitude entry: -70m	**Altitude exit:** -300m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 5000m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 2
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** basalt	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:
Permit required, Dam,

Gear:
Ropes: 1x60m, 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
The central part of the Hidan begins with a 60m rappel, but is otherwise a hiking canyon with a few parts to downclimb. The last section, the Hidan Siq, is interesting again.
The central part of the Hidan and its last part, Hidan Siq, are located in a wildlife reserve that is only accessible with a permit. As a non-Jordanian, you can't get a permit without vitamin B, so you have to book a guide who has the appropriate permission to take customers through the canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
First we have to park the car for the exit on the road "65" at the Dead Sea. For this we drive from the city of Karak on the "50" down to the Dead Sea. After 26.2 km we come to the T-junction "Mazra Junction" and there we continue to the right on the "65" towards the north for 23.5 km. Here (1,9 km before the bridge over the Wadi Mujib) we park our car for the exit.
With the second car we drive back and up to Karak, here we take the old "Kings Highway", road "35", in the direction of Madaba. After about 65 km (from Karak) and 10 km after passing the village of Dhiban, we come to the bridge over the Wadi Wala, the upper reaches of the Wadi el Hidan.
To the north of the bridge we turn left and descend along the wadi for 17 km. Then we have reached the entry to the upper part of the Hidan Upper.
However, we now drive another 1.2 km on this road. We come to a place where the road "says goodbye" to the wadi in a right turn. Here we park the upper car.

Approach: (machine translated)
The access, which leads as directly as possible to the entry of the Hidan Lower, that is, to the central part of the wadi at the 60m rappel, requires a sense of direction and a certain intuition in finding the way. It is also the exit from the Hidan Upper, part II (GPS coordinates: 31°28'35.10 "N / 35°39'28.33 "E). From here it is about 1000m to the 60m entry waterfall.
If you want to be on the safe side, you can take the Hidan Upper, part II from the parking lot ("P 2") and walk in this part for about 3 hours until you reach the waterfall. It also makes sense to walk the Hidan upper II before and then remember the exit for the ascent of the Hidan lower (then as access) (if necessary with GPS logger).

Tour: (machine translated)
The entry waterfall ("Barta") has a height of about 60 m (right above the stream). There is now an equipped stand to the left of the stream. There are also two drilled holes with threads for 10 mm bolts (with lugs) directly above the waterfall itself at a distance of around 8 m, which you would have to bring yourself (both). (last verified in 2016).
Apparently there is also a stand about 20m to the right of the waterfall. To do this, climb up a few meters to the right and then traverse down a rocky cirque and - somewhat exposed - a rocky balcony to a chute where we should find the belay - God willing (see video: https://youtu.be/sRH-NuqocrU from 1.30 min). Otherwise you have to set an anchor yourself.
During our ascent in 2016, our guides bypassed the waterfall orographic left (!) and downclimbed into the river bed below the waterfall.
The stratification of sandstone and basalt in this basin, at the base of which we are now standing after the rappel, is interesting.
We walk downstream and come across alternating cold and hot spring tributaries. The hot ones can usually be recognized by the red colouring of the surrounding rock. After about 1 hour, the canyon widens. During our ascent in 2016, we got out here to the right (about 160 m below sea level) and climbed back to the P2 parking lot (approx. 300 m ascent).
Both the correct exit point and the subsequent path to the top are not easy to find. Our guides made use of a local goatherd for this purpose.
Later, the Wadi Nimr soon joins the Hidan from the north. The Wadi Nimr also brings hot water.
If you walk further downstream, dense vegetation prevents you from moving forward. However, we can bypass this part on a path that walks along the southern slope of the wadi and starts opposite the mouth of Wadi Nimr. The path goes up to about a third of the way up the canyon rim and we follow it for almost 1 km. Then the path leads back down to the river bed. About 2 hours later, the vegetation disappears completely, the canyon becomes narrow again and we descend over many small basalt steps - with swimming interludes in between. We are in the Hidan Siq. Jumps are also possible here - after prior inspection.
Particular caution is advised at a "slide", which in 2012 had to be climbed from below using fixed ropes. In the lower reaches, a sharp stone was so dangerously jammed that there was a risk of injury even during the ascent or descent on the fixed ropes (the river makes a left-hand bend of almost 90 degrees at this point).
Then it's not far (approx. 30 minutes) and we reach the striking final pool with a rock platform above it, which invites us to take a break.
The parts of the Hidan Siq can also be walked on their own and are then approached from below. The starting point is the above-mentioned parking lot at "65" directly on the Dead Sea. From here, follow the route described under "Return" in the opposite direction. First up the bad track, then turn left onto a track coming from the right and follow this track, finally descending steeply to Wadi Mujib. In the Wadi Mujib then upstream until the waters of the Hidan flow into the Mujib through a reed belt from the left, orographic. i.e. from the right.
Through the reed belt up to the large pool described below the "resting place" on the rocky plateau. Then up the stream to a large pot, which used to mark the exit and turnaround point of the tour. In 2012, however, a fixed rope was installed in the chute above. This enabled us to overcome the obstacle. This cleared the way for another unhindered ascent of the Hidan Siq upstream.
The way back is then in the opposite direction.
As a rule, this isolated ascent of the Hidan Siq is also combined with the ascent of the Mujib Siq, see the description there.

Return: (machine translated)
From the "resting place" downhill we quickly come to the confluence of Hidan u. Mujib. In the Mujib we walk downhill until we reach the fissure, which is the beginning of the Mujib Siq. If we don't want to continue in the Mujib - another 3 to 4 hours to the exit on the "65" - we go up in the valley cut in front of the rock walls on the left and quickly come across the rutted remains of a former track. Climbing upwards on it we reach a saddle and hike beyond with a beautiful view of and over the Dead Sea down to our car. As the track branches, we keep to the right and tend in the fall line down to the sea.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 31.4762 35.6580
Parking at Entry 31.4899 35.6741
Canyon End 31.4562 35.5952
Parking at Exit 31.4674 35.5731
Parking Entry and Exit 31.4550 35.5691
Waypoint 31.4655 35.6112

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