Karagiannaki

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Ανατολικής Μακεδονίας και Θράκης / Eastern Macedonia and Thrace **Subregion:** Νομός Έβρου / Evros Prefecture **Town:** Samothraki		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v2 a3 II	**Total time:** 4h20
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 50min
Altitude entry: 550m	**Altitude exit:** 330m	**Delta Altitude:** 220m
Canyon length: 1800m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: March - November	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (5)	**Info:** ★ 1.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (4)
Specialities:		
Gear:		

Summary:
The route is initially quite continuous, with pools of clear water and some nice jumps. In the last part the progression becomes more tiring and less continuous and it is necessary to overcome a large landslide that has detached from the right bank. Can be combined by continuing on to Vatos (effectively Karagiannaki inferiore).

Hydrology:

Access:
If combining with Vatos and using a water taxi, see Vatos description for contacting Nicholas.
Always following the signs for Pachia Ammos, until you find the dirt road on the left that leads to "KHMNIOTIZZA".
Go up the dirt road for about 2 km until you reach a small clearing on the right, 100 m before the church and shortly after a steep dirt road on the left.
Park the car.
- If a 4WD vehicle is available, you can shorten both the approach and return by 20 minutes by taking the dirt road to the picnic area where you park.

Approach:
https://www.wikiloc.com/canyoneering-trails/hinweg-karagiannakis-canyon-172211206
Take the dirt road on the left that climbs very steeply for about 1.2 km to a picnic area.
Take the wide path on the left, signed with blue marks, which goes horizontally into the Vatos valley, often running alongside some water pipes.
Continue until crossing the Vatos.
Continue on the left bank, following the faint goat path that goes up the slope, always signed with blue marks, and taking the pipes as a reference, until you reach a rocky spur that divides the Vatos valley from the Karaggiannaki valley.
Continue into the Karagiannaki valley, parallel to the pipes, until you reach the riverbed.

Tour:
(Upstream from the entry point there are other unequipped waterfalls, some of which have nearby trees that can be used as natural anchors.)
After an initial 150 m long stretch with various downclimbs, you reach the first two rappels.
This is followed by a 50 m long narrow part with other downclimbs and a nice toboggan.
At the end of this stretch there is a possible escape route on the right.
We continue going on the left orographic side, where there are two downclimbs of 10 and 7 m, to go to the right where there is one of 12 m.
We return to the left for a further downclimb and for a diveable rappel.
There are six further rappels, of which the third (8 m) and the sixth (9 m) are diveable, while the fourth (10 m) can be bypassed on the right.
You arrive at the large landslide where it is difficult to orient yourself.
Be careful of its instability.
Although it can be crossed from both orographic sides, the easiest passage is on the left bank, following the course of the water.
After the landslide you reach the confluence with the Vatos which you descend for 50 m until you reach an obvious and marked path on the right bank.
Note that it is possible to continue with Vatos canyon down to the sea.

Return:
Take the path at the height of a large tree and continue uphill until you reach an oak tree grove.
Take the wide, steep path on the right that quickly takes you to the picnic area.
From here descend along the dirt road made during the approach until you reach the parked vehicle.

If you decide to continue down Vatos to the sea try Nicolais: +306984508105 for a boat shuttle.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 40.4302 25.5934
Parking Entry and Exit 40.4078 25.5859
Canyon End 40.4205 25.5871

Reports:

2025-10-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Karagiannaki Canyon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22745/observations.html)

2025-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vatos Fait après Kara et Kous. 3 sauts et longue marche jusqu'à la plage. Retour en bateau. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22748/observations.html)

2025-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Karagiannaki Canyon Sympa, belle roche et belles vasques. Enchaîné avec Kous et Vatos. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22745/observations.html)

2025-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Karagiannaki Canyon Beaucoup de sauts, mais de la marche en bloc.Enchainé avec kousianda et vatos. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22745/observations.html)

2025-06-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Karagiannaki Canyon Equipement tout ok. Un canyon qui pourrait se faire sans corde. On a continué sur Vatos jusqu'à la mer. Approche grâce aux cartes Samothraki 2024 de Avenza maps (payant). Chemin bien balisé en bleu par l'équipe de Verticale Water lors de leur meeting juste avant. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22745/observations.html)

2025-06-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vatos Un canyon qui pourrait se faire sans corde presque. Équipement tout ok. Enchaîné depuis Karagiannaki. Sortie par la mer (avec bières fraiches) grâce à Nicolais: +306984508105 (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22748/observations.html)

2025-06-07 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A canyon that could be done almost without rope. All equipment ok. Linked with Vatos. Exit by the sea (with cold beers) thanks to Nicolais: +306984508105 For access the blue Vertical Water markers are in place, otherwise Openandromaps or Avenza maps have good maps. (machine translated)

2024-07-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Karagiannaki Canyon All Installations ok. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22745/observations.html)

2024-07-31 | AlexS | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
There are many slides and jumps in the upper part. Unfortunately, a lot of slipping at the exit. (machine translated)

2024-07-31 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Everything was top notch. We needed a total of 9 hours with 4 children. The walk out takes a while. We were picked up from the boat at Vatas beach. Helene's 1st canyon. (machine translated)

2024-07-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Karagiannaki Canyon Impossible de passer sans un bon 4x4 pour tenter de gratter du temps sur l’approche . Donc suivre liste à pieds puis au col et kiosque suivre le tuyau noir et points bleus jusque au canyon . Manque d’eau , dommage ça enlève quelques sauts . Enchainé avec Vatos puis retour en bateau jusqu’à Ammos pour 80 euros à 8 avec le taxi boat de Nickolas. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22745/observations.html)

2024-07-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vatos Fait apres Karangani en 3h , début long et fin longue beaucoup de marche . Sinon au milieu belle gorge assez large et des vasques qui permettent de se