Karpuz Cayi Kanyonu

Ahmetler Kanyonu,Karpuz Cay

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Country: Türkiye / Turkey **Region:** Antalya **Subregion:** Manavgat **Town:** Ahmetler		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 V	**Total time:** 12h45
Approachtime: 1h40	**Tourtime:** 11h	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 360m	**Altitude exit:** 100m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: 5000m	**Highest rapell:** 17m	**Amount rapells:** 20
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m
Headlamp,

Summary: (machine translated)
Huge great canyon with many swimming passages

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
On the 4-lane D.400 from Antalya in the direction of Alanya. After about 80 km we pass Manavkat. 13 km after Manavkat we turn left onto the D.695 towards Konya. We drive in a north-easterly direction into the foothills of the Taurus Mountains. After a long climb, the road descends again. Shortly before reaching the lowest point of the road (19 km after turning off the D.400), we turn left towards 'Ahmetler 7 km' and after 2.5 km we reach the bridge over the Karpuz Cayi, the end point of the tour. Park the lower car here (65 m old).
Follow the tarred road uphill with the 2nd vehicle. You will pass 2 hairpin bends and shortly afterwards - 4.4 km from the bridge - you can park the 2nd car at a fountain if you want to access the middle of the canyon.
To reach the entry point at the beginning of the great canyon, we continue for another 2 km. At a fork in the road, we stay right on the paved road and reach the village of Ahmetler. We can park the vehicle here in the square in front of the new mosque (N36.8255860° E31.6967230°).

Approach: (machine translated)
To the access at the beginning of the canyon: From the square in front of the mosque (665 m old), follow the little road that leads downhill (in an easterly direction). After about 250 m in a south-easterly direction, we keep left at a junction and after another 200 m on the concrete road we reach the blue entrance gate to the cemetery. In front of the wall, our path now descends to the right and continues along the cemetery wall to its north-eastern exit. Here we follow the path, which initially heads in an easterly direction, but after less than 100 m continues to the north-east. About 200 m further on, we cross a (dry) stream, and a little later the path follows a 90-degree bend heading SE up to a saddle where it meets a slope coming from the left (690 m alt.). We follow the track on the other side downhill in a NE direction. After it has been covered by boulders for a few meters, it turns into a path that continues downhill in the same direction through a sparse pine forest. After about 1800 m (calculated from the saddle) and a short ascent in the opposite direction, you will see a newer forest track on the right below. We descend to it - without a path - and follow it to the right (in a southerly direction). It runs alongside a larger, fenced-in clear-cut area until it makes a sharp left turn at a junction and leads into the fenced-in area to the north. At another fork, we take the upper branch of the track and (not quite 1000 m after crossing the fence) come to a ditch, which we follow - branching off from the track - to the right down to the Karpuz Cayi (melon river). The entry point is at about 360 m altitude.
For access to the middle of the canyon: above the well in a SW direction between the fields to a boulder (N36.8153716°/E31.6961150°) that is clearly visible at the end, under which there is a cave with a prominent pillar. Good view of the canyon here.
The descent begins about 40 m further to the left (north) and leads down to a rock slab with footprints to the cave, then through it to the right and now a good 70 meters in altitude through the maquis, partly along a streambed.
Then cross to the right for about 80 m until you come to another streambed and downclimb this. At an approximately 10 m high drop, cross horizontally to the left to a tree, on which you then rappel 18 m.
Continue along the streambed and at another drop on the right down the scree path in the forest to the stream. Here you can downclimb to the right to a height of 5 m above the stream and then jump into the depths of the water.

Tour: (machine translated)
The upper part of the gorge has not yet been climbed by us. It begins with a narrow section and is already very aquatic here. More information can be found at https://es.wikiloc.com/rutas-descenso-de-barrancos/acc-ahmetler2-22980540. Apparently there is an (emergency) exit option up to the village of Ahmetler before the second section of the gorge begins on the right.
In the lower parts, no more ropes were needed in the river itself. Everything could be jumped or downclimbed from the middle entrance. However, several abseiling points were set up towards the exit.
There were several places with siphons that could be bypassed. Sometimes you have to climb up to 2 m to avoid having to dive. In many cases, the way forward is not obvious! Due to the sometimes very narrow, winding passages, problems can occur when the water flow is higher. The last part of the canyon can be climbed from the canyon exit and is equipped with fixed ropes.

Return: (machine translated)
After a final swim, we leave the riverbed to the left and reach the road bridge a good 100 m further downstream.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 36.8278 31.7270
Canyon End 36.7975 31.6978
Parking at Entry 36.8256 31.6967
Parking at Entry 36.8203 31.6926
Alternative Canyon Start 36.8137 31.6994
Waypoint 36.8154 31.6961
Parking at Exit 36.7957 31.6973

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