

Ha Canyon

Ha Canyon, Φαράγγι Χά, Monastiraki Schlucht

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece Region: Περιφέρεια Κρήτης / Crete Subregion: Νομός Λασιθίου / Lasithi Regional Unit Town: Vassiliki		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a3 V	Total time: 4h55
Approachtime: 15min	Tourtime: 4h30	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 550m	Altitude exit: 150m	Delta Altitude: 400m
Canyon length: 460m	Highest rapell: 33m	Amount rapells: 30
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: West	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.5 (3)	Info: ★ 2.5 (2)	Belay: ★ 2.5 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x30+1x40		
Summary: (machine translated) Rappel into a deep and narrow canyon. Under consideration of various aspects probably the 'hit' on Crete. Especially in spring when water is flowing through, sufficient protection against the cold is indispensable. A few meters after the access to the exit - so depending on the pace and breaks between 3 and 5 hours - no ray of sunlight falls into the canyon bottom. During my last ascent anno 2022, a fire had to be lit in the canyon on the way to "re-energize" some chilled canyonists.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Ierapetra we take the road towards Agios Nikolaos. After about 5 km we pass Kato Horio on the righthand side and after 10 km (from Ierapetra) we take a fork half-right; the other road leaving at a right angle would lead to Monastiraki. On our road we go about 1200 m (NE) and then cross the gravel bed of the stream that flows through Ha Canyon. Then we orientate to the right and after passing an access road to a factory we reach a chapel, which is located at the exit of the Ha-Canyon (orographic right bank). Here we park one vehicle and return with the other one to Kato Horio, turn left at the beginning of the village, then keep straight south for about 700 m until we find the road to Thripti (east at the beginning). From here we drive uphill for a good 7.5 km until shortly after a prominent left turn a dirt road turns off to the left. We take this road (2022 well drivable with a normal car, but not with 5 heavy persons ;)); it leads horizontally along the slope of the Ha and after about 400 m (from the beginning of the track) we reach the chapel Agia Annna, where we park the other vehicle (see also http://www.canyoning-club.com/images/canones/topos/creta/ha/crokis_ha.jpg).		
Approach: (machine translated) From the chapel we can choose between an upper and a lower access. The lower access is not so easy to find, but it shortens the descent by almost 1 hour. On the other hand, a 20m rappel is lost and the possibility to contemplate small artesian springs in the streambed. For the upper access, continue along the slope behind the chapel until you reach a few meters from the streambed. Here you take the relatively most pleasant descent. To get to the lower entry, walk west along the edge of the canyon, passing a fenced-in area with a house at the top. About 50m before reaching a cut in the terrain, keep to the right and descend at about a right angle without a path (2022) towards the streambed. Please note the geolocalization at the internet site 'descente-canyon.com' as well as photo 1 on this page.		
Tour: (machine translated) A bit more open at the beginning, then narrow gorge in grown rock, high side walls, about 30 rappel, some with handrails to set up. Some possible jumps and slides.		

Return: (machine translated)

After the diversion structure, downclimb out to the right to the path.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [35.0837 25.8419](#)

Canyon End [35.0860 25.8336](#)

Parking at Entry [35.0823 25.8460](#)

Parking at Exit [35.0869 25.8323](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [35.0840 25.8480](#)

Reports:

2026-01-30 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Low |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Observations:my 80m rope was more than enoughCanyon fed upstream. Intermediate dry. Still the pool with the dead goat, really disgusting. Overall, in the intermediate section, the other pools are also disgusting but tolerable. Ultra continuous section.Impressive depth. Then the water gradually reappears. Fun pools (jumps, slides, and almost clean water). A MAJOR canyon. Comments on the approach and return:My alternative without a shuttle: no crossing of fences and prickly bushes. Also faster.For access: park here 35.08531037443239, 25.828760835337206 (Google Maps)For the approach. Follow the mountain via the road (left bank). At the first fork, turn left and you will quickly reach the trail (marked EA). Pass a first concrete building and you will have a view of both sides of the island (sea). Further on, on the left, climb up a scree slope that is clearly visible on Google Maps (35.07724222104073, 25.825505377997438), which will take you to the path in 15 minutes. From there, climb up to the chapel and then quickly take the trail that descends. You will cross the stream in less than five minutes. Total time:4 hours 30 minutes from car to carPictures here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DUf3xYoDC7C/?igsh=MXJrcW40MDN4N3d6ZQ==> (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2025-10-19 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Dry |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Marche d'approche sans navette 1h45 juste compliqué car on traverse au début des champs d'olivier avec plusieurs grillages, et on coupe dans une pente raide remplie de buissons sec et piquant sans trop de tracé clair, après super beau et pas trop dure. Pour la descente oui le canyon est grandiose par ça hauteur mais le début pas mal de marche a travers la végétation avec des vasques pas toutes évitables et bien croupies. Des qu'on arrive sur le vrai canyon donc encaissé plus de végétation, mais les oiseaux ont tout ruiné avec leurs excréments , vraiment partout , nous avons pu éviter certaine vasque même pour le premier mais quand même compliqué il faut souvent d'escalader avec peut de solution pour avoir une sécurité au top donc un bon grimpeur pourra tenter d'éviter plus de vasques, et les vasques pour certaines sont noires mais d'autres sont pleines d'excréments, de plumes d'oiseau avec parfois des animaux morts en bord de vasque donc oui le canyon est grandiose mais pas en cette période, en passant le premier et en m'engageant dans des techniques compliqués et un peu risqués j'ai dû au moins passer dans 5 ou 6 vasques vraiment pourries mais pas sûre que tout le monde puisse en éviter autant. Sinon canyon bien équipé pour une descente normale, quelques points hors d'eau permettrai sûrement d'éviter les vasques pourries. Descente en 7h du au toboggans infaisables et au techniques parfois non conventionnelles a mettre en place pour les vasques. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2025-10-10 | Marcin |⭐⭐⭐🌟|📖⭐⭐⭐|📌⭐⭐⭐|🌊 Dry |👍 Completed

Monumental. Fantastic descents, dry, end in smelly rapids. I recommend only during the rainy season (machine translated)

2025-10-04 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Dry |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Encaissement incroyable sans la moindre echapatoire.Globalement sec et propre. Fait en neo legere de voile, parfait.Quelques vasques croupies évitable pour la plupart mais pas toutes par des rappels guidés (a installer par le premier qui prends le bain...)Equipemt excellent, ambiance engagée avec les vautours au dessus.Attention aux chutes de pierres des falaises.Voiture parkée en haut vers panneau, retour par sentier en 1h15 (bien chercher le depart car peu visible, puis il deviens bien marqué, et est de toute beauté avec des vues sur la mer, des ruines et la chapelle du bas) (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2025-04-10 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Dry |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Entrée dans le canyon en longeant le tout début,une sente plus au moins évidente, au feeling. Canyon qui enchaîne de beaux rappel. Ici aussi les vasques sont propre du aux pluie de la semaine d'avant. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2024-05-09 | System User | |📖|📌|🌊 Dry |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon For me the best canyon of crete, even dry. We took the wrong piste and started to early in the canyon. 1 rappel, No anchors and a lot of bushwalk. But the actually canyon was really beautiful and very good equipped.If you have 1 person in your team that wants to sacrifice himself (like we had) and make some guided lines, you can stay completely dry untill the end. So here and their, still some nasty pools. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)