

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
Approach time: 15min	Tour time: 4h30	Return time: 10min
Altitude entry: 550m	Altitude exit: 150m	Delta Altitude: 400m
Canyon length: 460m	Highest rappel: 33m	Amount rappels: 30
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: West	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.6 (1)	Info: ★ 2 (1)	Belay: ★ 0 ()
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 Anna, 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:

2025-04-10 | System User | |  |  |  Dry |  Completed

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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 until the end. So here and there, still some nasty pools. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2024-04-18 | System User | |  |  |  Dry |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon A refaire en eau absolument... (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2024-04-18 | System User | |  |  |  Dry |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Fait en short! Combi utile uniquement pour les 2 dernières vasques. Pour une fois en crête, pas de tuyaux! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2024-03-11 | System User | |  |  |  Dry |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Canyon sec, quelques vasques à traverser sur la fin => neop obligatoire quand même. Les amarrages sont tous en super état. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2024-03-11 | System User | |  |  |  Dry |  Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Encaissement absolument fabuleux, la vue sur Mastoras donne une idée des dimensions du site : c'est hallucinant. Sinon, quelques sauts et nages ce jour-là. Équipement nickel. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html>)

2023-04-06 | Daniel Sturm | |   |  | |  Not done

Coordinates adjusted (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User |    | |  | |

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