Ribeira do Cidrao

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Country: Portugal Region: Madeira Subregion: Town: Câmara de Lobos		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a3 III	Total time: 2h51
Approachtime: 20min	Tourtime: 2h30	Returntime: 1min
Altitude entry: 750m	Altitude exit: 590m	Delta Altitude: 160m
Canyon length: 800m	Highest rapell: 15m	Amount rapells: 8
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation: Southwest	Best Time:
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (3)	Info: ★ 3 (2)	Belay: ★ 3 (3)

Specialities:

Fun canyon,

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)

Canyon in the center of the island near Curral das Freiras, in the middle of a beautiful mountain landscape, also suitable for beginners.

Hydrology: (machine translated)

The catchment area extends up to the highest mountains (Pico Arieiro, Pico Cidrao). Be sure to check the weather there too (webcam etc), the flood marks in this seemingly harmless stream are frightening.

Access: (machine translated)

From Funchal, follow the ER107 to Curral das Freiras. Immediately after the long tunnel, turn right up to the parking entry (picnic area) and park at the roadside.

Approach: (machine translated)

The access first follows a forest road slightly uphill (there is a small construction company on the right). Then follow the track downhill and always straight ahead, the track becomes narrower and becomes a path, follow this downhill until you reach a levada, which is initially covered by concrete slabs. Now continue to the right, a little later over a narrow green bridge and continue to follow the levada until you reach the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)

Some low abseiling points and a nice slide. Be careful, there were several sprained feet on this slide in the 2023 season!

Return: (machine translated)

The canyoning tour exits shortly before the ER107 road. Here turn right up over the boulder field.

Alternatively, after the bridge, take the forest path on the left bank, but there is another anchor in the area of the bridge.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start 32.7306 -16.9575 Canyon End 32.7278 -16.9653 Parking at Exit 32.7279 -16.9666 Parking at Entry 32.7252 -16.9626

Reports:

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Short, pretty beginner's tour. We walked up from the bottom (50min.) and needed the same amount of time to walk down the canyon to the car. (machine translated)

Condition of all anchor points is top. The access was destroyed by an earth rut, but has since been repaired. Local guides had also just built an alternative access on the day of our tour. We refrained from slides and jumps at the "playground" (final abseil) due to warnings from local guides. There have probably been several accidents recently, as the pool is no longer as deep and the water now runs down the slide differently. Earth slides have also changed the exit. (machine translated)

Tour video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dseeR3DFef8 (machine translated)