Ribeira do Cão Inferior

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma dos Açores / Azores **Subregion:** **Town:** Area de Paisagem Protegida da Zona Central e Falesias da Costa Oeste

Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h35
Approachtime: 25min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 510m	**Altitude exit:** 70m	**Delta Altitude:** 440m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 225m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (1)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
No details

Hydrology: (machine translated)
In July

Access:

Approach: (machine translated)
Access from the valley: Park at the exit of the canyon on the road to Faja Grande.
Access from the mountain: From Fajazinha, continue on the 2-2 toward Santa Cruz das Flores until you reach the upper part of the island. After passing the upper reaches of the Ribeira Grande River, you'll find a junction with a dirt road on the left side of the EN2-2a. Follow this road for 2 km and turn left at the next intersection. Cross the Casas River and park 1 km further on at the bridge, the starting point.

Update October 2026: Apparently, neither the route via Jose Fraga nor the route from above via the Casas River is possible. Always do the entire hike.

Tour: (machine translated)
The lower section begins with several short rappels, including one through a narrow passage, and then you reach the 250-meter wall. When the water level is high, it is recommended to take the orographic left side.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the stream, then turn right onto a trail and continue to the road bridge.

Coordinates:

Reports:

2026-10-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cão Inferior We did the Canyon integral. Due to the rain, the water level increased fivefold during the tour. We were 12 People and.need 7 hours. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21612/observations.html)

2026-10-03 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Over the course of the day, the water level rose quite a bit because of the rain. The scenery is very varied, and the series of high waterfalls is breathtaking, as is the view. (machine translated)

2026-09-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cão Inferior After the rain on Sunday debit correct (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21612/observations.html)

2026-05-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Cão Inferior Équipements ok.Canyon descendu le lendemain d'une bonne pluie. La ligne rive droite de la grande cascade avait l'air pas mal dans l'eau. On a pris du coup la rive gauche qui était bien humide également ! Du R7 au R8 le rappel est plus long que 40m! Notre C70 rabouté à notre C40 était trop court pour rappeler... (On a pas trouvé le relais intermédiaire noté sur le topo, peut être sous l'eau...?) R9 On prenait de bonne giclée d'eau également.La marche d'approche décrite sur le topo pour rejoindre l'inf depuis le canyon de Cassas n'existe plus ! La végétation a tout englouti. Il est préférable de faire l'intégral.Au final, super canyon vu les conditions que l'on a eu! Un beau soleil au rendez vous et pas mal d'eau ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21612/observations.html)