Mesonas

Mesonas, Φαράγγι Μέσωνας

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Κρήτης / Crete **Subregion:** Νομός Λασιθίου / Lasithi Regional Unit **Town:** Kavousi		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 II	**Total time:** 4h12
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 2min
Altitude entry: 685m	**Altitude exit:** 240m	**Delta Altitude:** 445m
Canyon length: 1900m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 22
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - February	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon, rarely water flow; some pools may force water contact.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Agios Nikolaos on the so-called New Road (No. 90/E 75) towards Sitia, still passing Pachia Ammos (up to here 19 km). The road to Ierapetra (southwards) turns off to the right. We continue straight (east) towards Sitia and after 5 km we reach Kavousi. We drive through the village and turn right at the last houses and before the bridge (sign 'Archeological Site'). We drive up the concrete road, ignoring the turnoff to the 'Archeological Site' (2.2 km from the turnoff from the E75) and pass one of the oldest olive trees in Crete. Then we go downhill a bit and cross a streambed (4.3 km): on the right (south) ends the Mesonas, on the left begins the Havgas. Here we leave one car. With the other one we continue uphill. Before reaching the village of Melisses, we take the dirt road to the right after a gate (6.4 km). We cross a streambed and follow the dirt road uphill until we reach a saddle after a few switchbacks (10.3 km; 740 m a.s.l.). From here, the trail goes more or less horizontally to the south (on the right, below, a house, behind it the entrance to the gorge). At the head of the valley we cross 'our' stream and park the car about 100 m after it, where a stone staircase (above a water pipe) leads down to the right. For the access described by Bromirakis you have to go further (up to km 12,5).\nFor the ascent we recommend a four-wheel drive vehicle, but in any case one with more ground clearance than the usual passenger cars. On the orographic left side of the stream, however, there is also a path leading up to the entry (where it crosses the stream).\nIf you want to continue the Havgas, park the first vehicle in Kavousi (more detailed at the Havgas description).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the slope down the stone 'stairs', past the abandoned houses on the right to the streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
From the access to the constriction about 20 min. in the stony streambed; alternative to be found at Bromirakis. 22 rappels follow.

Return: (machine translated)
Upon reaching the slope out to the car or continue downhill in havgas.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 35.1039 25.8785
Canyon End 35.1170 25.8717
Parking at Exit 35.1171 25.8721
Parking at Entry 35.1025 25.8780

Reports:

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Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mesonas La 1ere partie est en eau, mais la fin est à sec. Il vaut mieux sortir à la fin du canyon plutôt que d'enchaîner avec havgas, car les vasques sont croupies. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21259/observations.html)

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Coordinates and season adjusted. (machine translated)

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Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21259

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