Faja das Eguas

Ribeira da Faja das Eguas

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** Serra de Agua		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 II	**Total time:** 3h1
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 1min
Altitude entry: 760m	**Altitude exit:** 490m	**Delta Altitude:** 270m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 9-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 3 x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Easy tour, a little too long for beginners with many exit options

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Due to various tributaries and its relatively low location, the canyon is at extreme risk of flooding even with low rainfall!

Access: (machine translated)
From Ribeira Brava in the direction of Serra de Agua, before the village, take the ER 105 towards Encumeada Pass. Turn left 1.3 km uphill towards Faja dos Vinhaticos (the signs are mostly overgrown). Follow the road to the bridge over the stream. Park here.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot you can see a small steel bridge over the stream, cross it and follow the path to the right. At the exit, turn right again and follow this path. A little way after the forest, after the second steel bridge, it gets lost in the vegetation, but reappears after the ruins on the right. Follow this until you reach the concrete track, turn left here and descend to the streambed at the exit. (30 min)

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon has been fully equipped with glued anchors since August 2024.
The tour begins with two rappel lines to the left and right of the ridge. Then the two lines join and the highest and most beautiful rappel follows at 16 meters. After a good 200 meters of running, the rappel continues, after a sometimes almost dry passage (here most of the water is diverted into a levada) the character of the canyon changes from open and bare to somewhat incised and very green due to several tributaries. After a few more abseils, you reach the first steel bridge on the approach.

Return: (machine translated)
On this path you exit on the right via steps.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.7383 -17.0363
Parking Entry and Exit 32.7355 -17.0274
Canyon End 32.7357 -17.0277

Reports:

2025-08-18 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Due to a long period without rain, low water flow, all anchors in excellent condition, even though the last high water slightly bent two of them. Wasp season is currently in full swing, some nests adorn the approach and there is also a large nest near an abseiling point. Watch out! All nests are exposed to the rain, i.e. they should have disappeared after the next heavy rain. The pictures show: 1) The highest abseiling point (18 m) 2) A small slide after the first three waterfalls 3) The abseiling point at the beginning of the lower parts (wasp nest!) 4) Slide directly afterwards (machine translated)

2025-03-24 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
With more water, the tour has certain charms. Be careful when it rains in the mountains, the water level can rise extremely. There are various escape routes, but not always. The bad weather of the previous week has completely washed through the canyon, all anchors are still OK, but it has removed some tree trunks and changed some passages. (machine translated)

2024-12-08 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Nice beginner canyon but nothing special (machine translated)

2024-10-14 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
With moderate rain, the water level has risen noticeably, the water has turned brown, the large catchment area is noticeable. A nice tour for beginners. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
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