Butterfly Canyon

Kelebekler Vadisi,Butterfly Valley Kanyonu

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Country: Türkiye / Turkey **Region:** Muğla / Mugla **Subregion:** Fethiye **Town:** Olüdeniz, Faralya		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h15	**Returntime:** 1h
Altitude entry: 280m	**Altitude exit:** 30m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 4
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1.3 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short vertical rappel canyon with permanent, though usually sparse, water flow.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the town of Fethiye on the southern Aegean, we drive about 12 km south to Olüdeniz, a tourist stronghold beautifully situated on a bay with a lagoon and sandy beach. Towards the exit, the road descends steeply into the village. Where it begins to level out again - about 400m before reaching the coastal promenade - we turn left onto Kidiral CD towards Faralya. The road initially walks towards the slope and, as soon as it reaches the foot of the slope, turns right and heads south, gradually ascending along the coast (beautiful view of Olüdeniz). About 3.4 km after turning onto Kidiral CD, we drive around a large hotel complex located directly on the coast. The road now climbs steeply, partly in serpentines, and after a total of almost 8 km we reach the canyon rim above the Kelebekler Vadisi. The road branches off here, we keep to the right along the canyon rim and reach the sparsely built-up hamlet of Faralya 1.9 km after this fork in the road. We can park our car in a suitable place at the signs for "Tizar Mah".
Alternatively, the parking area of "George House" can be considered for our car. However, you should contact the operator of the restaurant beforehand. This parking lot has the advantage of being
We follow the signposted turn-off to the right down to "George House". In this case, you have to walk back along the road to the start of the descent to the stream.

Approach: (machine translated)
The descent to the stream takes place before the Gül Market down the tarred road on the right. Then you have to look for the most convenient access to the concrete streambed. The first option is blocked by a wire fence, but you can open it from the left if necessary, as it hangs loosely in the bushes here. The next access point is after the road dip. Before the small house, follow the path that leads steeply down to the right into the streambed after a few meters.

Tour: (machine translated)
Once in the concrete bed of the stream, we follow it and the subsequent clear tracks, first on the right and later on the left side of the stream.
We come to the final entry at a prominent tree and a massive iron anchor on a large boulder in the middle of the stream.
The first rappel begins here (40m), followed by a diagonal rappel (20m - belay on the right) to the belay above the high and wide wall (left). The rappel here was also in 2015 (end of the year) from a combination of roots and branches of a tree. Even on our first ascent (in 2010), it was too unsafe for us to place an anchor in the brittle tufa. In 2024, the stand was fine.
Now you descend about 55m and come to a plateau-like ledge. There is now an alternative here to continue the descent. We took a route on the right-hand edge of the ledge, which is at best wetted by the water flow and the anchor is slightly below the ledge on the right. The rappelling routes here are also around 55m.
Alternatively, there is a direct descent from this ledge directly along or in the main watercourse. An anchor should be available, a rope protector is advisable in case of doubt. The abseil height here should - estimated ! - should be around 45m. This is probably the more athletic option. The further descent then takes place together again over iron steps and secured on massive fixed ropes. Even a "half-shoe tourist" can climb up to the last waterfalls. The ambience with the steep and high walls and chutes is impressive. Finally, you reach the bottom of the valley and walk out to the beach on pleasant paths.

Return: (machine translated)
The way back up to "George House" on the canyon rim is on the orographic left-hand side of the valley, starting at a wooden swing gate in a small stone wall and is signposted. For people who are sure-footed and have a head for heights, there are no difficulties on the ascent. More exposed passages are secured with ropes. You should still have something to drink here. Up to George House, there are constantly impressive views of the canyon exit and out to the beach and the sea.
In 2024, there was a prohibition sign at the start of the descent (repair work), but there was nothing similar to be seen from below at the start of the ascent.
Alternatively, during the tourist season, there is the option of being picked up from the beach by boat. This takes the canyonist to Olüdeniz and costs 400 TL (2024). In this case, a second vehicle in Olüdeniz would make sense.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 36.4970 29.1388
Canyon End 36.4973 29.1320
Parking Entry and Exit 36.4966 29.1401
Waypoint 36.4956 29.1337

Reports:

2026-05-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Butterfly Canyon Vu après avoir parcouru sarpdere sup et inf.Puis ouverture de son voisin 500m à l'ouest: faralya kanyonu avec sa belle C95 (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22490/observations.html)

2026-05-10 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Anchoring consists mostly of sintered ropes. After the first rappel, make sure you walk 15m to the next belay (tree sling on the left) and don't go through in one go, otherwise very high rope friction can lead to problems pulling off (this happened to the group in front of us, without our help they wouldn't have been able to pull off the rope). Rather a jungle tour with 4 rappels, 2 of them about 50m. Good to combine with Sarpdere. You don't need to go to this canyon alone. Nice beach with bar at the exit. You can only get away from the beach by boat, which costs 500 Turkish lira. (machine translated)

2026-05-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-05-05 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Anchors a little old. Done with Sarpdere before. Return by sea (12 euros per person, plus cab to the village at around 800 Turkish lira). (machine translated)

2026-04-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Butterfly Canyon tres belle cascade, rappel 60, puis fraction sur arbre rg, rappel 50. petite descente de 10m, rappel de 50. premier rappel pas evident pour retirer la corde, peut-etre faire une fraction sur naturel en plus. l'equipment fixe du premier est en tres mauvais etat. prendre quelques bouts de corde pour construction.absulement la peine!sentier de retour interdite, mais Navette en bateau possible sur place (5000 tl pour 6 personnes) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22490/observations.html)

2026-04-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Butterfly Canyon Also Sardpedere carry much water. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22490/observations.html)

2024-04-07 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
We did the entire canyon in 3 rappels. Fantastic arrival at the sea. Way back up again on a very beautiful but somewhat exposed mountain path (machine translated)

2024-03-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Butterfly Canyon C'est pas dingue mais le cadre est jolie. Rampe végétale dans le haut puis deux grands rappels moussus au milieu des branches coupées et des déchets plastiques. Juste en rive droite au dessus de la grande cascade sèche se trouve sapdere, superbe canyon sec avec oscuros et rappel max de 20m (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22490/observations.html)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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