Ferreiro

Ribeira do Ferreiro

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma dos Açores / Azores **Subregion:** **Town:** Fajâzinha		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v6 a4 V	**Total time:** 3h40
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 500m	**Altitude exit:** 260m	**Delta Altitude:** 240m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Vertical rappel canyon in a magnificent scenic setting. Looking back from the far shore of the lake, one can see an impressive series of cascades, second only in height to the Trou de Fer in Reunion.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Fajâ Grande on the west side of the island we drive in the direction of Fajâzinha or Santa Cruz Das Flores. After about 3 km (from the center of Fajâ Grande) we cross the Ribeira do Ferreiro. After the bridge on the right we park the car for the exit. \With the second car we continue in the direction of Santa Cruz, after 300 m we cross the Ribeira Grande and after another 3.9 km we meet the ER 1-2. Now we continue to the left in the direction of Santa Cruz. After a little more than 2 km on the ER 1-2, we turn left from this road onto a dirt road. About 250 m further on, a dirt road goes left at a sharp angle through the bushes. Here we park our second car.

Approach: (machine translated)
We overcome the barrier and follow the dirt road in a southwesterly direction. After 210 m it turns to the north, we ignore the turnoff straight ahead. After another 300 m we are at the Ribeira do Ferreiro below a waterfall. On the left bank we go down the stream for about 50 m, then we enter the stream (if necessary with a jump after prior testing).

Tour: (machine translated)
After only 5 minutes we come to the first rappel (R1 - 45m). Now, interrupted by short walking passages, one rappel follows the other: R2 - 24m; R3 - 10m; R4 - 17m. A longer passage follows, where the stream course is covered with large boulders. \nThen we are above the big vertical - almost 110m. After the entry rappel R5 - 20m, 3 switchbacks follow, each set back a bit (danger of falling rocks) to the left: R6 - 45m; R7 - 10m; R8 - 40m. Then you swim in the large pool, which is also fed by a left side stream. In case of larger water flow, there may be difficulties here (a5). We climb the stone wall above the big pool and find a final sloping rope there: R9 - 40m.\n

Return: (machine translated)
At the bottom we follow the stream to the lake Lagoa das Patas, on which we have been looking down for a long time. We swim to the left in a southeasterly direction and after about 120m we reach the far shore at the trees. The lake is quite weedy and so one should not be surprised about a corresponding "hanging" at the exit. Finally, we follow the path that leads from the lake down to the road and the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 39.4393 -31.2351
Canyon End 39.4379 -31.2377
Parking at Entry 39.4387 -31.2312
Parking at Exit 39.4371 -31.2435

Reports:

2026-10-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro Par brouillard épais, le départ n'était pas évident à trouver. En somme, il suffit de suivre la piste herbeuse, bien qu'elle soit malheureusement peu marquée. On deescalade ensuite un petit ressaut et l'on se retrouve immédiatement au cœur de l'action : les rappels s'enchaînent, le premier mesurant déjà 45 mètres. Lors de notre descente, le vent soufflait si fort qu'il projetait l'eau vers le haut, par-dessus le bord de la cascade. Le point fort est la grande paroi de 120 mètres, franchie par une succession de rappels : 20 m, 45 m, 20 m et 45 m. Prévoyez des cordes suffisamment longues ! La suite est moins esthétique et moins intéressante. La vue, depuis le lac, sur la paroi abrupte et ses nombreuses cascades, est à nouveau époustouflante. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2026-10-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro We did Ferreiro after José de Fraga inferiore. Nice combination. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2026-10-01 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
We went to José de Fragas's place this afternoon. That makes for a great day. (machine translated)

2026-05-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro Équipements okMarche d'approche 5min.Retour sur un sentier touristique.Fait le lendemain d'une bonne pluie et enchaîné après Cão. Un peu moins d'eau que le matin mais quand même ça pousse. Équipements tout au frottement ! Belle pépite avec les conditions du jour. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2026-05-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro Très jolie descente. L'équipement en place est bon. Bien gérer les frottements. La vue au départ de la grande verticale est juste incroyable. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2025-10-03 | O nie | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
better in good weather (machine translated)

2025-08-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro Canyon SEC! Les vasques sont croupies. La vue est belle, pas de frottements bien coupants. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2025-07-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2025-06-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
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2025-05-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ferreiro il fait partie des canyons à parcourir , la nage dans le lac est sympathique (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21613/observations.html)

2024-06-04 | Jo Haegeman | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
3.5 hours with 3 persons. Some anchorpoints were loose so we tightened them. Nice waterflow at the 120m. Rappelling just next to the water. Swam across the lake, what a view! All the falls were pouring water down. Amazing sight!

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