Sarpdere

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Country: Türkiye / Turkey **Region:** Muğla / Mugla **Subregion:** Fethiye **Town:** Fethiye		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 II	**Total time:** 2h30
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h15	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 540m	**Altitude exit:** 380m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 1100m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 11-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (6)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Dry canyon, at most water flow in the canyon itself after heavy rainfall. Narrow canyon between mature rock walls. Very aesthetic and continuous. Particularly impressive when the sun shines on the reddish rock.
Good - even on 1 day - to combine with the Kelebekler Vadisi (Butterfly Canyon), into which the Sarpder falls more than 100m in the further course (anno 2024 no description yet, probably not yet secured). For Kelebekler Vadisi own description, see there!

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 in the direction of 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 at the canyon rim and reach the crossing of "our" stream 1.3 km after this fork in the road in a right-hand serpentine. There is space to park 1 car here. If there is no parking here, there is another parking space on the right-hand side of the road about 100m further on. With a second car, we would drive another 1.3 km back to the aforementioned road junction and turn right uphill at a sharp angle. We now drive uphill for another 2.5 km. Then, at the exit of a long left-hand bend, we turn right onto a dirt road and arrive at our parking lot for the entry on the next right-hand bend.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot (for entry) we now continue down the slope and after about 550m we come to the bridge over the Sarpdere. Now we walk down the right bank of the stream and after about 200m we come to the beginning of the gorge - entry.
If we only have 1 car at our disposal, we can follow the route on foot as described. However, there is also the option of taking the "Lycian Way" to the entry point. To do this, we continue from the car on the tarred road in the direction of Faralya. After 700m we come to the "Gül Market" (righthand side). A few meters before we leave the road and follow the sign "Watermill Hotel" uphill to the left. We pass the watermill (on the righthand side) and then cross the stream that feeds the Butterfly Canyon. We are now on the "Lycian Way" (Likya Yolou 2.01) and follow it until we reach the bridge over the Sarpdere stream at an altitude of 545m. At the fork in the path shortly before reaching the stream, we leave the Lycian Way to the left.

Tour: (machine translated)
Small rappel in narrow and winding corridors, see photos.

Return: (machine translated)
After the canyon exit in a few minutes to the road where the car is parked.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 36.5055 29.1466
Canyon End 36.5003 29.1373
Parking at Exit 36.5012 29.1373
Parking at Entry 36.5083 29.1443
Waypoint 36.4963 29.1402
Waypoint 36.5048 29.1465

Reports:

2026-05-30 | Christian Haas | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | Dry | 👍 Completed
There are still a few puddles at the entry, but it’s completely dry after that. There are some new houses under construction at the parking entry, but there’s a large pull-off up on the road where several vehicles can park easily if you drive up there (second car). The access downhill takes 2 minutes longer. Beautiful canyon! (machine translated)

2026-05-10 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Dry | 👍 Completed
All stands ok, I am not a friend of dry canyons, therefore only 2.5, but has very nice spots. So for canyoneers who have no problem with waterlessness, certainly more than 2.5 stars. (machine translated)

2026-05-05 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Dry | 👍 Completed
Very nice! Followed by Butterlfy Canyon. (machine translated)

2026-04-12 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | 👍 Completed
Because it was so beautiful and on the way, once again. Even 6 days later there was still a nice water level for a dry gorge. (machine translated)

2026-04-06 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
Thanks to the previous rainy days, we had a nice water level. We walked on the Lycian hiking trail orographically left in 35min. to the entry: https://loc.wiki/t/258925931?h=epodragwvm&wa=sd&la=de (machine translated)

2024-04-08 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Dry | 👎 Not done
Water rivulet before the start of the gorge, which quickly exits at the beginning of the narrowing. Beautifully polished limestone, some of which turns reddish in the sunlight. Several clamping blocks. More attractive than expected from the available information. (machine translated)