Ribeira de Água d'Alto

Aqua Alto

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** São Vicente		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 III	**Total time:** 1h45
Approachtime: 25min	**Tourtime:** 1h15	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 125m	**Altitude exit:** 15m	**Delta Altitude:** 110m
Canyon length: 100m	**Highest rapell:** 90m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (7)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 80m		
Summary: (machine translated) Very vertical and short.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) Road from São Vicente in the direction of Seixal. Park directly at the Agua Alto waterfall, just before the Agua de Alto tunnel.		
Approach: (machine translated) Follow the path up the left bank at the sewage treatment plant.		
Tour: (machine translated) C15 Rope traverse C15 c95 (C45, C50)		
Return: (machine translated) Go through the tunnel under the road to the Atlantic coast. Then turn right along the coast until after a few meters a staircase leads up to the road.		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 32.8093 -17.0603 Canyon End 32.8100 -17.0595 Parking Entry and Exit 32.8098 -17.0594		

Reports:

2026-10-18 | Sommer Andi | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Parking at the wastewater treatment plant. Access: Head toward the stream. At the green railing, first climb a few steps, then head steeply into the forest, following the water pipe. In some places, there’s a thin steel cable on the rock face to hold onto. Route: First a short downclimb, then two rappels of about 15 meters each, followed by the tall final waterfall. We rappelled down the tall section in one go without using the intermediate belay point. Getting out was no problem. Return route: Through the tunnel to the sea and up the stairs on the right. A short and relaxing route. (machine translated)

2026-09-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
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2026-05-15 | Andreas Gremmel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Really a lot of water after rain ◫ Stand at high rappel offers only little space (2 rings & a lug, not connected) Access partly exposed, steep and brittle. (machine translated)

2026-04-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-06-08 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Access path is rather steep but obvious, a bit overgrown and short (start by the green handrail, up to a water tank or what, than follow the pipeline). Takes 20-25 minutes. The big one needs careful logistics: 2m + 6m + 32m + 50m, all on the right. The two later ones are free-hanging, but at least out of water. Not as slippery as it seems.

2024-11-03 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Low water level. All stands in good condition. Access at the stairs with green handrail from the road. (machine translated)

2024-10-19 | Lucki ◫ | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Short but always beautiful canyon. (machine translated)

2024-10-19 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Beautiful and super short abseil gorge with a view of the sea. All stands okay. At the bottom again a clapping crowd on the road. :) (machine translated)

2024-10-02 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Nice, very short tour to explore the north of the island in the afternoon. (machine translated)

2023-01-20 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
A very short canyon with a beautiful, breathtaking waterfall with a fascinating view. There are two waterfalls in the Agua Alto canyon. The upper waterfall is still cut in, the C90 open with a view of the Atlantic. The second cascade, about 90 meters high, ends right next to the road (VE2, São Vicente - Porto Moniz) and flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The 90-metre waterfall is accessed in several intermediate stages. (machine translated)