Ribeira do Campanário

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** Ribeira Brava		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v6 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: 200m	**Highest rapell:** 90m	**Amount rapells:** 3
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 95m

Summary: (machine translated)
Increased risk of rockfalls and landslides in the Calhau da Lapa area. The extremely exposed abseil level of the C90 is reached via a feeder, which requires experience and skill.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
On the VR1, take the Campanário exit. Drive towards Estrada de São Brás and park near the bridge over the Ribeira do Campanário.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail in the direction of Calhau da Lapa. This hiking trail leads along the "Ribeira do Campanário" stream

Tour: (machine translated)
From the railing, rappel into the canyon. This is followed by a 15-meter-high rappel, shortly afterwards the technically complex 90-meter waterfall on the left bank, consisting of a short feeder and the initially free-hanging C90. The extremely exposed abseil stand is very far ahead and can only be reached via another short abseil point and a lot of skill or experience. The rope course is free-hanging over a long stretch and therefore very gentle on the rope. Initially you are next to the waterfall, but you get closer and closer to the water or the spray until you finally find yourself in the middle of the waterfall. As the canyon is very short, we did another round immediately afterwards. Below the C90, we walked through the riverbed to Calhau da Lapa.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail to Campanario

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.6625 -17.0354
Canyon End 32.6625 -17.0369
Parking Entry and Exit 32.6646 -17.0301

Reports:

2026-05-15 | Andreas Gremmel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Superiore water level after rainfall. The 'exposed' 90m stand is really exposed - but easy to reach, just be careful, ropes get into a gap (machine translated)

2026-01-05 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Very short and unfortunately a lot of garbage in the canyon. Otherwise the high waterfall is fun after rainfall. We rappelled through in one, it was easy to pull off. (machine translated)

2025-03-26 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Very short but intense and spectacular. The high waterfall has an intermediate stand in a direct line after about 50 meters. This is not optimally drilled in, the rope runs over a rough edge and jams heavily when pulling off. If there is a strong flow and / or wind, the intermediate abseil level is in the water. High water level due to the rainfall a few days ago. (machine translated)

2023-01-18 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very short abseil canyon with only one key section (machine translated)