

Mouco

Ribeira do Mouco, do Moco, Ribeira do Mouco

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma dos Açores / Azores **Subregion:** **Town:** Ponta Delgada

Difficulty: very difficult	Grading: v6 a2 IV	Total time: 5h30
Approach time: 30min	Tourtime: 3h30	Returntime: 1h30
Altitude entry: 330m	Altitude exit: 10m	Delta Altitude: 320m
Canyon length: 800m	Highest rappel: 40m	Amount rapells: 15
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: Northwest	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.8 (2)	Info: ★ 0 ()	Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x50m

Summary: (machine translated)

Vertical rappel canyon down to the Küste.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Ponta Delgada, in the very north of the island, we take the road to the Farol - lighthouse - da Ponta do Albernaz. After about 2.4 km from the "center" of Ponta Delgada we come to a place where the road forks. On the right we go to the already visible lighthouse. We keep left on the concrete road and after about 1.5 km we come to the place where the hiking trail PR1FLO to Fajã Grande leaves to the right (see map link 2). Here we park our car.

Approach: (machine translated)

We now follow this trail, crossing successively two streams and after about 30 minutes we come to a third, "our" stream (entry).

Tour: (machine translated)

After a few meters, the first rappel (R1 - 13m) awaits us. There follow 4 more rappels (max. 11m) in the openly dahinplätschernden stream. Then several steps with a rappel überwunden (R6 - 40m). After that würde an exit möglichkeit eröffnen. Now begins the vertical part. Üvia R7 - 7m, R8 - 35m, R8a - 4m, R9 - 24m and R10 - 6m we reach the "Schlüsselstelle", an almost 100m high vertical wall, which is part of a largeßen cauldron and opens up an impressive deep view of the sea and the depths below. With a 5m - handrail we come to the stand on the edge. After R11 - 28m we reach the nächste stance, which is slightly offset from the fall line to the right. Now follows R12 - 40m in free slope. The next belaystation is located directly above the closed lava ring and may require a small commuter. Below the high wall follow 3 rappels, partly in the beam in a somewhat incised chute (23m - 20m - 16m). Then the geröllige Küstensau is reached.

Return: (machine translated)

We turn right and after some time we come to a rocky outcrop protruding into the sea, which is climbed around. A fixed rope facilitates the descent here (2016). In the following bay, purple markings lead up and to the left of the descending ditch. In 2016, on the occasion of the international meeting (CIMA), the path was cut out by the ginger wild growth, but this will probably be different in years when such a meeting does not take place on Flores. After reaching the plateau, we cross the meadow and rejoin the PR1FLO trail that we took. On this left to the car. If one should not be able to find the here described re-ascent to the plateau, alternatively another more pleasant and probably also clearer ascent offers itself. To do this, you go about 600 m further along the path in the direction of the lighthouse. Then you have to look at the height of a large rock on the seashore for the beginning of a path that over the steep slope above the path up and to the right (not verified, but from above the beginning of the path down clearly recognizable and path in the topograf. Map to find. The beginning of the path is estimated at GPS: 39.513712° N -31.232629 E (WSG 84) or UTM: 25S 651932.4375277 (WSG 84)) - see also the route sketched on the photo according to the topographic view. One comes on it to a viewpoint, takes from there the narrow Straße to the "Hauptstraße" and gets on it right up to the car. See me now confirmed by http://www.topocanyons.info/index_buscador.php?refe=N6836#tabs-9 . So apparently also in http://www.topocanyons.info/barrancos/ribeira_do_moco_o_mouco.php

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [39.4968 -31.2390](http://www.topocanyons.info/index_buscador.php?refe=N6836#tabs-9)

Canyon End [39.4997 -31.2431](http://www.topocanyons.info/index_buscador.php?refe=N6836#tabs-9)

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