# Takamaka 1

la rivière des Marsouins

Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a5 IV	Total time: 7h3
Approachtime: 3min	Tourtime: 5h	Returntime: 2h
Altitude entry: m	Altitude exit: m	Delta Altitude:
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: 72m	Amount rapells:
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: basalt	drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation: Northeast	Best Time:
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (2)	Info: 🖈 2.5 (2)	<b>Belay: ★</b> 3 (2)

## Specialities:

**Gear:** Ropes: 80

Summary: (machine translated)

Long canyon incl. mini trou de fer, with difficult way back.

# **Hydrology:**

Access: (machine translated)

Drive to Plaine de Palmistes and take the road heading north-west. Park approx. 50 m before the bridge that crosses the Takamaka stream. This is the same road as towards trou de fer.

**Approach:** (machine translated) At the bridge down to the stream.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

Just after the bridge is the first high free-hanging C70. There are several abseil stands. The most beautiful is from the hanging stand ortographic to the right of the edge, which has to be climbed or traversed for about 10 meters. Very challenging to reach. Can be secured well from one of the belays. Then long boulder terrain to C130, which is divided 4 times ortographic left. After that some really nice single pitches. The mini trou de fer passage is certainly one of the most beautiful spots in the area. Jumps, slides and high rappels with challenging rope traverses. A great canyon. Certainly a highlight.

# Return: (machine translated)

This is probably the most challenging part of the tour. Climbing at least 3rd degree is required on the way back. Some of the footholds are cut into the vertical walls. The holds are mostly natural roots, some with footholds. Absolute surefootedness required. There are always very good anchors. The way back is marked with small signs (blue and white with inscription). These are there almost to the end. Watch out for beehives on the way back. Then forest road to the asphalt road.

#### Coordinates:

Parking Entry and Exit -21.1140 55.5674

Canyon End <u>-21.1040 55.5844</u> Canyon Start <u>-21.1134 55.5674</u>

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Stands including rope protectors in good condition. For the first part of the canyon you don't need to put on the neoprene (dry until after the second long walking passages). For the exit: as soon as you see the cable car orographic left, look for the signs on the left side. Or check with GPS maps. No reception in the canyon. (machine translated)

Little water. All stands tip top. A highlight with a very demanding way back. Be sure to save energy for the exit. One of the top gorges on the island. (machine translated)