Barranco del Arado superiore

Arado,Barranco del Arado superior,Rio Arado,Cascata da Arado,Barranco del Arado,Arado Superior

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Norte / Norte Region **Subregion:** Braga **Town:** Vilar da Veiga		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h30
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 930m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 1300m	**Highest rapell:** 47m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (2)

Specialities:
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Gear:
Ropes: 2x50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Geres National Park, regulations! Information to park ranger regarding private ascent); very beautiful, varied and open granite gorge; in the main season a 3mm neoprene is sufficient; crystal clear pools; often used commercially, therefore well equipped; problematic individual spots at high water levels; large catchment area; emergency exit almost always possible; Arado superiore more beautiful than inferiore. Tip: after the tour, eat/drink at the "Casa do Criado" shortly after Ermida Geres Camping (approx. 5 min. from the exit).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the dam bridge (Rio Cavado) Geres you drive in the direction of Vila do Geres/ Espanha. After about 6 km, turn right in the direction of Ermida. From here, follow the mountain road in the direction of Ermida. Continue until you reach a fork in the road with signs for "Cascata do Arado". After turning right, the asphalt road changes to a gravel road with holes that goes down to the Arado. Directly at the bridge there are several parking possibilities.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the bridge/parking lot, follow the hiking sign (wooden sign) "Cascata do Arado" (orographic left). Shortly you will reach the viewpoint at 750m where you can check the water level before continuing up. The path is marked with stone markers and leads through a beautiful mountain landscape. After a few meters of altitude you cross a tributary (left) of the Arado river and shortly after you come to a fork in the road. On a hill you can already see the big 45m waterfall. Continue in a right turn between the Arado and the left tributary until you reach another hill with a view of the enchanting Arado high valley. Keeping left, one descends shortly to the path at 930m (entry) (if one does not want to do the waterfall, one descends before to the path).

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon begins with a walking passages and small downclimb in open terrain. This is followed by 3 shorter rappel sections where the last rappel, before the big waterfall, can be jumped. The high waterfall (45m) is rappelled on the right with little water contact. Immediately after follows an exposed belay on the right side. The fixed traverese rope is not normally needed. To make the descent easier for others, because of a narrow spot (danger of entrapment), the first person can set up a rope line (drill hooks available at the bottom). Now follows a long walking and descending section with some possible jumps. A higher sloping step in the middle of the canyon can be rappelled left or bypassed right. Shortly after, there is a pool with several possible jumps (beware of the stone in the pool!). An aquatic cascade of 3 steps follows, which are also the last steps. In order to get to the first rappel of the cascade, you have to rappel in front of the huge granite block under which you swim (stand on the right). After the beautiful cascade there is another walking and descending section that leads shortly to the bridge/exit (here begins the Arado inferiore).

Return: (machine translated)
Directly at the bridge get off on the left and walk up to the car (700m).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 41.7347 -8.1308
Canyon End 41.7226 -8.1297
Parking at Entry 41.7225 -8.1294
Parking at Exit 41.7225 -8.1294
Alternative Canyon End 41.7176 -8.1299

Reports:

2026-08-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Arado (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21210/observations.html)

2026-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Arado Partie sup magnifique. Partie inf il n’y a plus d’eau Équipement RAS. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21210/observations.html)

2026-06-09 | Max H. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Reconnaissance of Superiore and the first waterfall of Inferiore: We drove by car to just before the bridge and parked there (marked “Parking Inferiore”). The access to Superiore was clear using the GPS track, though at the halfway point we had to go straight but ended up turning right. There were a few snakes along the path. The canyon is relatively varied and interesting throughout, with great pools and good safety measures. The longest rappel at 47m is fine; we didn’t spot any intermediate belay points. In the middle, there’s a rappel that leads into a relatively narrow crevice; here, it’s better to use the anchor at the rope traverse on the far right. On the recommendation of a local guide, we continued from Inferiore past the bridge only as far as Cascarta do Martinho, i.e., the first large waterfall. At the waterfall, there is a rope traverse on the left front plus a chain anchor after about 8m. After that, to finish, there is a 4m possible jump to the left to climb up. For the return trip, immediately after the waterfall (see coordinates for Superiore or Exit), take the well-trodden tourist path to the right for 10 minutes back to the car. The two of us spent about 4 hours on the tour at a leisurely pace. Added some photos of the canyon. (machine translated)

2026-03-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Arado Super canyon dans un magnifique granit sculpté, Enchaînement R4 et R5 super avec MC aérienne Fait avec la partie inférieure par une belle journée ensoleillé A privilégier la semaine, car vous faites vite le spectacle pour les randonneurs (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21210/observations.html)

2025-08-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Arado Équipement ok qui mérite peut-être à être resserrer dans la partie supérieure. Nous sommes partis tôt pour éviter les guides sur la partie inférieure du canyon. Main courante du dernier rappel sur un point uniquement. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21210/observations.html)

2025-05-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Arado DC++quelques mouvements d'eau non problématiques. Il faut venir avec une clé à molette pour resserrer de nombreux écrous. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21210/observations.html)

2024-08-20 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Approach path is beautiful, in fact, more interesting than the canyon... Some simple rapppels at the beginning and at the end, high point is the 48m (this time dry) and the following airy 28m cascades. Hand line and/or guideline here is a must. Easy, spectacular but too long walk in the middle. Flocks of bathers in the second part.

2024-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Información: Partes de la descripción del cañón se han importado automáticamente. Concretamente, los campos Ruta GPS, Topografía de https://www.docuwiki.infobarrancos.es/doku.php?id=portugal:braga:arado_sup

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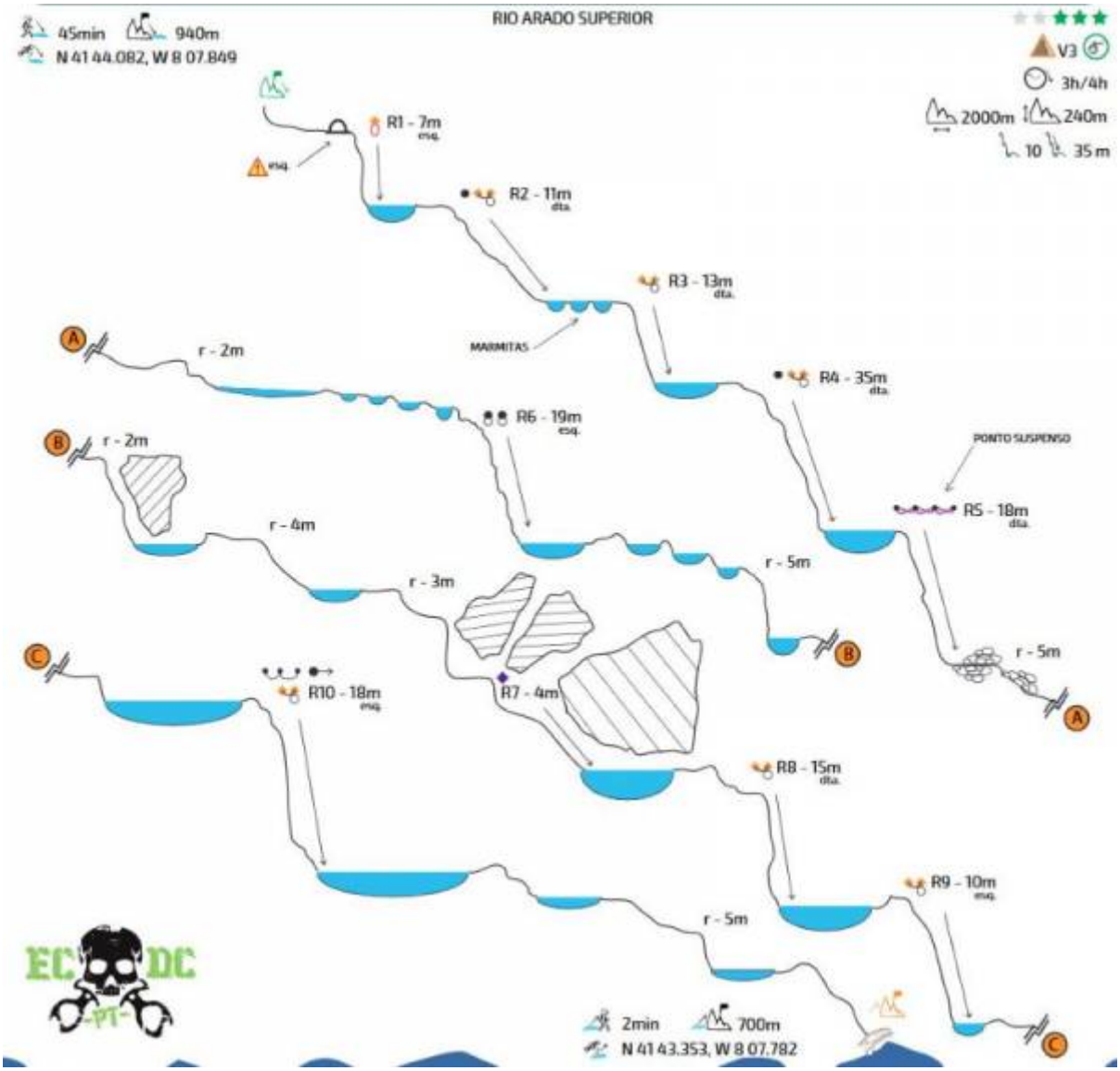
2023-05-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Der aktuelle Canyon wurde teilautomatisiert mit Canyon https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/AradoCanyon.html zusammengeführt.

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2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-

Parts:
Barranco del Arado superiore, v4 a3 III, 45min+2h45+0min
Canyon Rio Arado Inferior, v3 a3 III, 0min+2h+30min



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