Vimieiro

Ribeira do Vimieiro,Canyon du Retour

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Região Autónoma da Madeira / Madeira **Subregion:** Ilha da Madeira **Town:** Seixal		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 5h30
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 765m	**Altitude exit:** 465m	**Delta Altitude:** 300m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:** 8-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (9)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (12)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 3x40m, 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Vertical rappel canyon with a spectacular ambience

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Seixal, drive south on the ER221 towards Chao da Ribeira, follow the road to the exit, then continue on the dirt road to the fish farm. Park here.

Approach: (machine translated)
In the same direction, follow the initially wide, later narrower path, cross the dam on the right and continue through the forest until you reach a wooden sign "Vereda dos Barbinhas". Cross the river Seixal here and look for the faintly recognizable path opposite (cairn). Climb up the steep wall until you reach the Levada do Seixal. Change here (there is no room for this at the entry point!) and then walk to the left for a few minutes to the entry point.

Tour: (machine translated)
The first step can be rappelled down a small tree, downclimbing is often tricky because the rock is very slippery. From now on, abseiling point follows abseiling point, and after three waterfalls, the two high Multipitch waterfalls are already waiting. If you don't miss the intermediate stands, you can work with 40-meter ropes. After a spectacular series of three high abseils, there is a short break to catch your breath before the next exciting passage is reached. This is also the only really deep pool on the tour. The tour then comes to a relaxed end with two short abseils. After the last rappel, a path leads off to the left.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the narrow path that leads back to the access. Cross the Seixal and return through the forest to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.7872 -17.1112
Parking Entry and Exit 32.7968 -17.1141
Canyon End 32.7891 -17.1152

Reports:

2026-10-23 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A very beautiful canyon. It rained before and during the tour, so the water level was perfect. The access is very steep through the forest, and the rain makes it very slippery. At the second cascade—listed as 10 m, 18 m, and 36 m—we couldn’t find the second belay station. We ended up rappelling all the way down using a 50-meter rope. All the belay stations were great. (machine translated)

2026-05-25 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro Très sympa, enchaînement continu de cascades sans temps morts (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2026-05-19 | Andreas Gremmel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Superiore water level, scenic and beautiful! We must have overlooked a stand once - 50m of ropes ran out exactly; (machine translated)

2026-04-27 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro Super canyon, relais ok, très bon enchaînement sans marches intermédiaires (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2026-04-16 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro Les installations sont complètes et en bon état. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2026-01-07 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
A good alternative if the surrounding canyons carry too much water. (machine translated)

2025-12-16 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro Debit normal, tout l'équipement est en place et de bonne qualité. Le seul bémol est l'pproche raide. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2025-10-25 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro Canyon superbe. Marche d’approche très raide et boueuse (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2025-09-30 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro La levada au-dessus du canyon est entièrement réparée, le débit d'eau est normal à faible. Grâce à trois nouveaux ancrages chimiques, la dernière grande cascade peut désormais être effectuée en toute sécurité. L'état de l'accès escarpé se détériore malheureusement d'année en année, mais il reste praticable. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2025-06-04 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
This canyon felt a bit overrated to me, not as charming as many comments suggest. R4 and R7 can be skipped easily, and R12 also tempts so but here it is not recommended for pulling down from R11 is quite a struggle. R13 is bomb-proof now.

2025-04-30 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Vimieiro Petit canyon sympathique, un glissement de terrain récent sur la fin du canyon. Une corde en fixe (+/- 5m) au centre du canyon a cet endroit permet la dernière descente , probablement placée après le glissement de terrain.Nico, Lio, Geo, Dim ainsi que Boulon, Borat et JP (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22106/observations.html)

2025-04-16 | Sascha Schäfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Anchor point 13 gets worse and worse - but still ok. Before the last anchor: landslide with many fresh trees in the creek.good passage, but anchor undamaged. Take a handsaw with you on the next ascent and clean up a bit ;) (machine translated)

First descent: 15.05.2004 by Antoine Florin, S. Présumey, D. Bayon, D. Rodier