Funda Meia Légua

Ribeira Funda,Meia Legua

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Country: Portugal **Region:** Madeira **Subregion:** **Town:** Ribeira Brava		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a2 IV	**Total time:** 2h50
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 340m	**Altitude exit:** 115m	**Delta Altitude:** 225m
Canyon length: 200m	**Highest rapell:** 90m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:** 13-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (3)	**Info:** ★ 3 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1.7 (3)

Specialities:
Only suitable after rain,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m, 2x40m
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
Mostly low-water rappel canyon, be careful with high water flow, a bottleneck then becomes critical to dangerous.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
By car:
On leaving Ribeira Brava in the direction of Sao Vicente, before the tunnel, take the turn-off to the commercial area (Continente supermarket). Park your car in the public parking lot (please do not park in the supermarket parking lot). The final waterfall can be seen from the parking lot.

With two cars:
Take the second car via Campanario in the direction of Sao Paulo and then drive to Eira de Mourao. Park at the exit of the Estr. da Eira do Neto.
In terms of time, the shuttle is not worth it, it's more for lazy canyonists who don't feel like lugging the long ropes to the top.

Approach: (machine translated)
By car:
Follow the road to Faja da Ribeira in a wide arc and take the Vereda da Eira do Mourao path upwards. Unfortunately, the route is not entirely clear at the start, with various similar-looking paths leading between the houses. Follow this path through the mountainside until it crosses the stream at a small bridge. (40 min)

With two cars:
A short easy trail (Vereda da Eira do Mourao) leads down through the houses at the exit of the road heading south. It crosses the stream at the entry point. It is quite steep in places but well maintained. (15 min)

Tour: (machine translated)
At the bridge into the stream, which is usually very slippery here. Downclimbing is virtually impossible. The first anchor is somewhat hidden far ahead on a ledge. Several medium-height abseils warm you up for the 90-meter-high final waterfall. This is conquered using rope traverses and two lengths. You are sure to be watched from the supermarket parking lot!
Caution: Always stay on the ropes until the next anchor! The canyon is not optimally equipped (as of early 2024). Some of the next anchor points cannot be reached if you pull off the rope too early!
Caution 2: There is room for a maximum of two people at some intermediate points, so this must be taken into account when planning the rope.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the stream until it joins the Ribeira Brava river. Walk a good 50 meters upstream, climb a dam on the right (ororgraphically left), then cross the river and take the stairs up to the parking lot of the hardware store. Beware, you are entering private property here and only friendly people are allowed to cross the parking lot ;-)
In a few meters you will reach the parked car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 32.6915 -17.0427
Canyon End 32.6928 -17.0452
Parking at Entry 32.6932 -17.0402
Parking Entry and Exit 32.6929 -17.0476

Reports:

2024-12-09 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Since the heavy rains at the exit of October, there has been a lot more garbage in the canyon. It's a shame that the locals are spoiling their beautiful island like this. We did a bit of sawing work in the canyon in the construction area. The anchors are all in place, but a few additional anchors would help to avoid strong rope friction. (machine translated)

2024-10-25 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We drove up for 20 minutes and then descended for another 15 minutes via stairs - so it would have been worth walking up. Unfortunately there was a lot of garbage in the stream and the water quality was rather poor. However, the last three spots made up for everything! (machine translated)

2024-02-28 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Very beautiful canyon with a really spectacular cascade. Unfortunately a lot of garbage in the canyon. New anchors would significantly enhance and simplify the canyon. (machine translated)