Oued Dimbiya

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Country: Djibouti **Region:** اتع مي قإل **Subregion:** **Town:** أترا / Arta		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 II	**Total time:** 2h55
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 460m	**Altitude exit:** 260m	**Delta Altitude:** 200m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 3
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon 3 - Rappels - Danger of falling rocks

Hydrology: (machine translated)
After a rainy period, as the few pools of water tend to be cloudy.

Access: (machine translated)
Leave Djibouti via the N1 and follow it to the junction that leads to Lake Assal and Tadjoura. Turn off here. About 25 km after this junction, you will reach a viewpoint on the right-hand side from where you can see almost the entire route. Continue to the village of Karta, which is less than a kilometer away. Park in the village in the square (small mosque to the left of the road). You are directly in the wadi.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the sandy riverbed of the wadi to the first rappel; alternatively, a path on the right bank leads to this rappel.

Tour: (machine translated)
After an easy descent, you reach the first rappel (55 m), the equipment for which is located to the left of the large boulder on the ground. At the exit of this abseil section, there is an emergency exit on the left bank (somewhat "airy"). You then climb down over scree to the second rappel, which is secured on the right bank (45 m), and immediately afterwards reach the third and final rappel (35 m), which is secured in the middle of the rock slab. After this, there are only obstacles to be overcome by descending. Just before a prominent left-hand bend, there is a tributary on the right bank that you can climb up to the foot of a rock face that descends almost vertically to the viewpoint on the roadside just before the village of Karta. After this bend, make out the ascent path on the left bank. From there, it is possible to make a return trip to reach the confluence with another large wadi. This part does not require a rope.

The difficulty lies not in the water, but in the high risk of falling rocks. The rappels are secured with 8-mm bolts and hand-made clamping plates (at least 2 bolts per rappel). Perhaps the route has been renewed in the meantime? You can expect a lot of friction.

There are pigeons that come here all day long to amuse themselves with swoops in this crevice, and the sound they make is perfectly reminiscent of a free-falling stone - which is reassuring.

Return: (machine translated)
The way back leads gradually uphill on the left bank until you reach the plateau. From there, return to the parking lot within sight (the path is not always clearly visible on this last part).

Coordinates:

Canyon Start 11.4509 42.5635

Waypoint 11.4467 42.5685

Parking Entry and Exit 11.4517 42.5590

Canyon End 11.4532 42.5692

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