Ha Canyon

Ha Canyon, Φαράγγι Χά,Monastiraki Schlucht

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Κρήτης / Crete **Subregion:** Νομός Λασιθίου / Lasithi Regional Unit **Town:** Vassiliki		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 V	**Total time:** 4h55
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 550m	**Altitude exit:** 150m	**Delta Altitude:** 400m
Canyon length: 460m	**Highest rapell:** 33m	**Amount rapells:** 30
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (5)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30+1x40

Summary: (machine translated)
Rppel into a deep and narrow canyon. Under consideration of various aspects probably the 'hit' on Crete. Especially in spring when water is flowing through, sufficient protection against the cold is indispensable. A few meters after the access to the exit - so depending on the pace and breaks between 3 and 5 hours - no ray of sunlight falls into the canyon bottom. During my last ascent anno 2022, a fire had to be lit in the canyon on the way to "re-energize" some chilled canyonists.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Ierapetra we take the road towards Agios Nikolaos. After about 5 km we pass Kato Horio on the righthand side and after 10 km (from Ierapetra) we take a fork half-right; the other road leaving at a right angle would lead to Monastiraki. On our road we go about 1200 m (NE) and then cross the gravel bed of the stream that flows through Ha Canyon. Then we orientate to the right and after passing an access road to a factory we reach a chapel, which is located at the exit of the Ha-Canyon (orographic right bank). Here we park one vehicle and return with the other one to Kato Horio, turn left at the beginning of the village, then keep straight south for about 700 m until we find the road to Thripti (east at the beginning). From here we drive uphill for a good 7.5 km until shortly after a prominent left turn a dirt road turns off to the left. We take this road (2022 well drivable with a normal car, but not with 5 heavy persons ;)); it leads horizontally along the slope of the Ha and after about 400 m (from the beginning of the track) we reach the chapel Agia Annna, where we park the other vehicle (see also http://www.canyoning-club.com/images/canones/topos/creta/ha/crokis_ha.jpg).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the chapel we can choose between an upper and a lower access. The lower access is not so easy to find, but it shortens the descent by almost 1 hour. On the other hand, a 20m rappel is lost and the possibility to contemplate small artesian springs in the streambed.
For the upper access, continue along the slope behind the chapel until you reach a few meters from the streambed. Here you take the relatively most pleasant descent.
To get to the lower entry, walk west along the edge of the canyon, passing a fenced-in area with a house at the top. About 50m before reaching a cut in the terrain, keep to the right and descend at about a right angle without a path (2022) towards the streambed. Please note the geolocalization at the internet site 'descente-canyon.com' as well as photo 1 on this page.

Tour: (machine translated)
A bit more open at the beginning, then narrow gorge in grown rock, high side walls, about 30 rappel, some with handrails to set up. Some possible jumps and slides.

Return: (machine translated)
After the diversion structure, downclimb out to the right to the path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 35.0837 25.8419
Canyon End 35.0860 25.8336
Parking at Entry 35.0823 25.8460
Parking at Exit 35.0869 25.8323
Alternative Canyon Start 35.0840 25.8480

Reports:

2026-04-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Avant la résurgence, le canyon est à sec, avec des vasques où l'on n'a pas envie d'aller. Quelques rats morts, et une eau parfois noire... Après la résurgence, petit filet d'eau sympa avec des casques plus claires et profondes. L'enchaînement est grandiose et l'on ne peut que supposer la beauté de ce canyon en eau. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html)

2026-04-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon La partie amont avant Mastouras semble être asséchée depuis des années... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html)

2026-01-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Observations:my 80m rope was more than enoughCanyon fed upstream. Intermediate dry. Still the pool with the dead goat, really disgusting. Overall, in the intermediate section, the other pools are also disgusting but tolerable. Ultra continuous section.Impressive depth. Then the water gradually reappears. Fun pools (jumps, slides, and almost clean water). A MAJOR canyon. Comments on the approach and return:My alternative without a shuttle: no crossing of fences and prickly bushes. Also faster.For access: park here 35.08531037443239, 25.828760835337206 (Google Maps)For the approach. Follow the mountain via the road (left bank). At the first fork, turn left and you will quickly reach the trail (marked EA). Pass a first concrete building and you will have a view of both sides of the island (sea). Further on, on the left, climb up a scree slope that is clearly visible on Google Maps (35.07724222104073, 25.825505377997438), which will take you to the path in 15 minutes. From there, climb up to the chapel and then quickly take the trail that descends. You will cross the stream in less than five minutes. Total time:4 hours 30 minutes from car to carPictures here: https://www.instagram.com/p/DUf3xYoDC7C/?igsh=MXJrcW40MDN4N3d6ZQ== (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html)

2025-10-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Marche d'approche sans navette 1h45 juste compliqué car on traverse au début des champs d'olivier avec plusieurs grillages, et on coupe dans une pente raide remplie de buissons sec et piquant sans trop de tracé clair, après super beau et pas trop dure. Pour la descente oui le canyon est grandiose par ça hauteur mais le début pas mal de marche a travers la végétation avec des vasques pas toutes évitables et bien croupies. Des qu'on arrive sur le vrai canyon donc encaissé plus de végétation, mais les oiseaux ont tout ruiné avec leurs excréments , vraiment partout , nous avons pu éviter certaine vasque même pour le premier mais quand même compliqué il faut souvent d'escalader avec peut de solution pour avoir une sécurité au top donc un bon grimpeur pourra tenter d'éviter plus de vasques, et les vasques pour certaines sont noires mais d'autres sont pleines d'excréments, de plumes d'oiseau avec parfois des animaux morts en bord de vasque donc oui le canyon est grandiose mais pas en cette période, en passant le premier et en m'engageant dans des techniques compliqués et un peu risqués j'ai dû au moins passer dans 5 ou 6 vasques vraiment pourries mais pas sûre que tout le monde puisse en éviter autant. Sinon canyon bien équipé pour une descente normale, quelques points hors d'eau permettrai sûrement d'éviter les vasques pourris. Descente en 7h du au toboggans infaisables et au techniques parfois non conventionnelles a mettre en place pour les vasques. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html)

2025-10-10 | Marcin | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Monumental. Fantastic descents, dry, end in smelly rapids. I recommend only during the rainy season (machine translated)

2025-10-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Ha canyon Encaissement incroyable sans la moindre echapatoire.Globalement sec et propre. Fait en neo legere de voile, parfait.Quelques vasques croupies évitable pour la plupart mais pas toutes par des rappels guidés (a installer par le premier qui prends le bain...)Equipemt excellent, ambiance engagée avec les vautours au dessus.Attention aux chutes de pierres des falaises.Voiture parquée en haut vers panneau, retour par sentier en 1h15 (bien chercher le depart car peu visible, puis il deviens bien marqué, et est de toute beautée avec des vues sur la mer, des ruines et la chapelle du bas) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21182/observations.html)

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