Gorgonchon

Estrechos del Gorgonchon,Rio Formiga,El Gorgonchon

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Aragón **Subregion:** Huesca **Town:** Panzano		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 2h
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 1h10	**Returntime:** 35min
Altitude entry: 560m	**Altitude exit:** 540m	**Delta Altitude:** 20m
Canyon length: 180m	**Highest rapell:** 9m	**Amount rapells:** 2
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (5)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x25m

Summary: (machine translated)
Extremely narrow canyon but with very beautiful passages; good mastery of the spreading technique; only for small groups; siphon; do not use unnecessary material or large backpacks (danger of getting stuck).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the campsite (Agua) follow the road on the left down to Bierge, past the parking lot of Rio Formiga --> continue to follow the road (slight incline) --> to km 28.5 (red marked road stones) --> immediately on the right gravel descent (+meadow) with parking on the right (sign of El Gorgonchon).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot follow the wide gravel path towards the canyon --> then several small descent paths to the already visible canyon --> once at the stream, take the left side to the narrow section (entry approx. 560m).

see: http://www.descensodebarrancos.com/barrancos/gorgonchon/topo/mapa.html

Tour: (machine translated)
Right at the beginning you get a good foretaste of the next 30min after you have again in a little space to puff --> to get to the first downclimb you have to downclimb left (slippery) --> from the clamping block you rappel about 6m into the narrowness --> then follows a 30m long very narrow swimming passage max. 0.5m wide --> r. comes a traverese rope which is needed in any case until the end (very narrow and slippery!) in order to be able to rappel down approx. 9m well, the first one should go to the foremost chain link (after the traverese rope) and set up the rope needed for this --> this approx. 30m long narrow passage is very tricky, as one can only advance with good spreading technique. In addition, the gap narrows towards the bottom where the water usually has a strong current --> towards the end the distance to the wall is only 0.5m --> a trapped tree gives a short rest --> after that slipping is not allowed --> once you have mastered this most difficult part it is not quite so narrow anymore --> now you have a canyon in front of you, which is difficult to describe with words (by incident light there are sparkling walls, emerald green water in narrow swimming passages, stalagmites, sinter curtains, ornate passages and breathtaking wall gullies) --> after approx. 1h there is another highlight, a 2m long siphon (boulder) --> after about 30m swim you come to a dam (weir) --> downclimb 2m (slippery) and then leave the canyon to the left.

Attention! In the first waterfall is a "hole" behind the curtain.

Return: (machine translated)
Along the trail --> left. steep up to the rock wall (rusty rope traverse and steps) --> trail leads to the access and on to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.2041 -0.1423
Canyon End 42.2023 -0.1416
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2116 -0.1375
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2109 -0.1381

Reports:

2025-10-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

2025-09-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

2025-08-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon Le tronc qui servait de passerelle a disparu, le passage en opposition est à nouveau une épreuve. Pas mal d'obstacles en plus tombés dans le canyon. Il vaut toujours le coup! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

2025-07-10 | Julien | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon, short and narrow. (machine translated)

2025-07-10 | Gareth Evans | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
the drive into the parking is quite deeply rutted, scraped through in a Corsa, the wall down is simple and the water level can be easily judged from the entry, the canyon itself is short but unique, only one place required spreading techniques and is relatively short (second abseil) the traverse line seemed pretty new, the resulting rapel exits into the current and care should be taken due to wood below, not a problem today but potentially becoming one with more water, a worthwhile addition, we did it in the afternoon afte completing oscuros de Balces

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2025-06-30 | Oli Ro | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Entry and exit parking lot: 42.2108761, -0.1381022 (machine translated)

2025-05-29 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Except for the installed fixed ropes, everything is tip top. These should be renewed or you should install them yourself. Unique canyon. Siphon must be dipped through. (machine translated)

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=barrancos:huesca:gorgonchon

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2024-03-20 | Rok | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Very high water level, we didn't do the canyon.... (machine translated)

2023-07-05 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | | 👍 Completed
A piece of rope worn through at the hanging traverse. Deadwood optimally jammed here. Water relatively fresh. (machine translated)

2023-04-28 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Der aktuelle Canyon wurde teilautomatisiert mit Canyon https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/100-el-gorgonchon zusammengeführt.

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Daten importiert von https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/100-el-gorgonchon

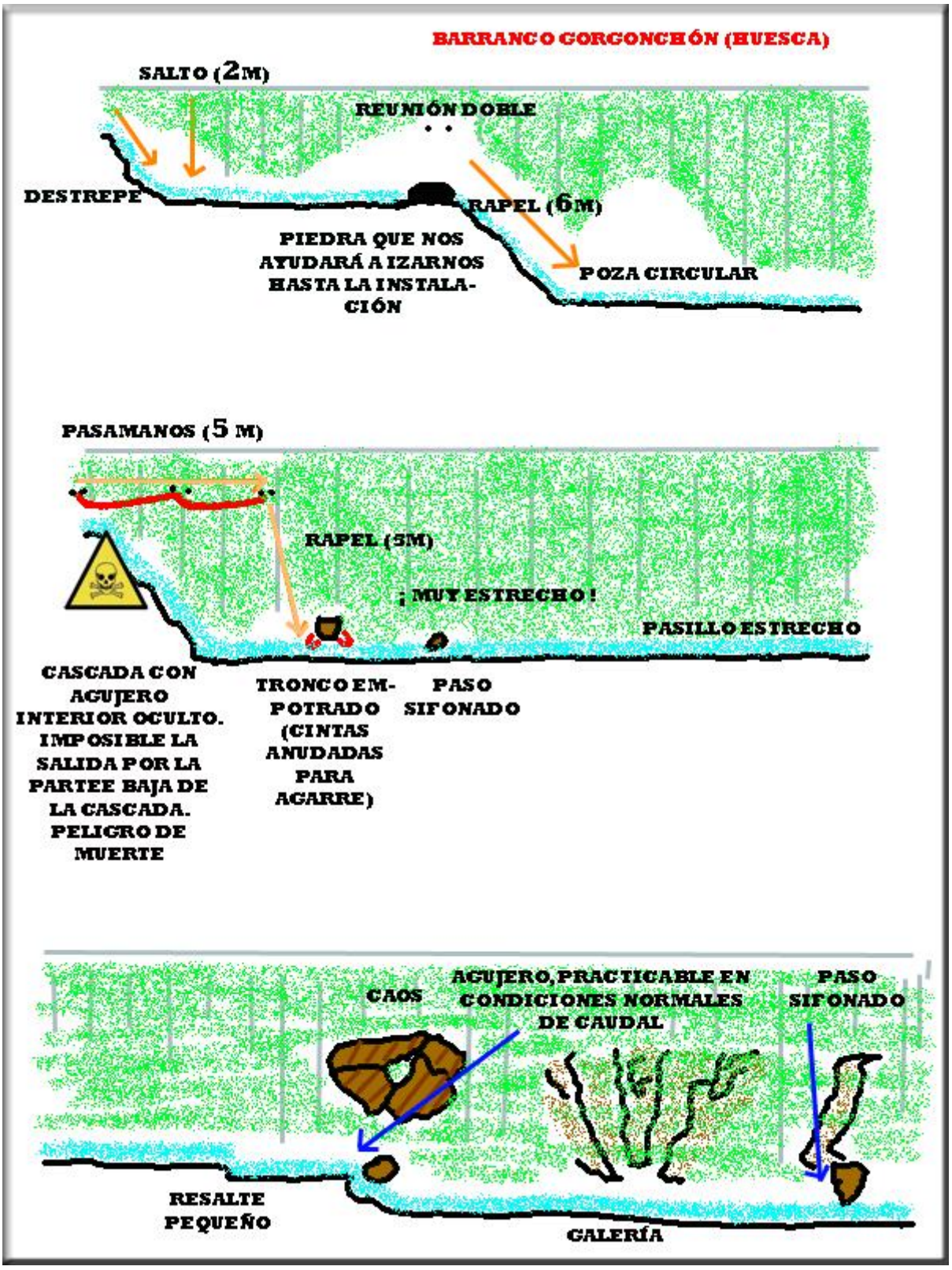
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2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/2777

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Daten importiert von https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/GorgonchonCanyon.html

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2019-04-30 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
An extremely short pleasure, but very beautiful. We simply walked the canyon twice in a row in one day, true to the motto: access and return must be worthwhile. Photos: https://www.christian-balla.de/Gorgonchon Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtPIAPiS-6Y (machine translated)



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