Barranco de Arbanta

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Navarra, Comunidad Foral de **Subregion:** provincia de Navarra **Town:**		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 6h15
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: 2800m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 18
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: March - November	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
One of the great unknowns of the area of Roncesvalles, its magnitude will test us, 5 hours of travel and a long access if we do not make combination of cars, as well as its dead sections, make few people go into this ravine. The Turrustaundi waterfall, its lushness, some good slides, some boxed areas, a multitude of natural abseils, etc. will make us get lost in its immensity.
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Hydrology: (machine translated)
Yes, mid-slope

Access: (machine translated)
Getting to Roncesvalles
We will go towards Valcarlos and Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port.
If we have two vehicles on the N135, at the height of the Ibañeta pass there is a track/road to the East (right) that leaves us at the top of Lepoeder, here we would leave the access vehicle.
With the return vehicle or if we only have one vehicle should go to the neighborhood of Gainekoleta, belonging to Valcarlos, where we will park.
Another option for the access vehicle is to continue to Valcarlos to take the D128 and then the D428 to Croix de Thibault.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the Lepoeder pass towards the Izandorre refuge, we pass it and 200m later we take a track to the left, shortly after we leave it to take another track back to the left that continues descending and becomes a path that goes down parallel to the stream towards the mines, when we reach the bottom of the valley it will go to the Arbanta mines and there next to it is the bridge over the river where we can access.
From the French side we will have to take the French path to the south and we can follow it to take the descent described above or, from the Bentarte pass, take the path to the right that goes along the ridge to take the path that goes down to the mines.
The third option is to leave from Gainekoleta by the track that goes up the slope towards the last bordas to change slope and go down as a path to the mines, shortly after the bridge over the stream to access.

Tour: (machine translated)
Gully with little continuity, boxed areas with rappels and more open areas in which to climb or walk.

Return: (machine translated)
When we arrive at the confluence of the rivers we will find the path that leads us to Gainekoleta on the right.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 43.0675 -1.3076
Canyon End 43.0673 -1.3070
Unknown 43.0679 -1.2992
Unknown 43.0652 -1.2969
Unknown 43.0506 -1.2875
Unknown 43.0502 -1.2863
Unknown 43.0493 -1.2848
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Unknown 43.0407 -1.2686
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Unknown 43.0423 -1.3130
Unknown 43.0472 -1.3155
Unknown 43.0524 -1.3154

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