Huaxtla

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Country: México / Mexico **Region:** Jalisco **Subregion:** Municipio de Zapopan **Town:** Zapopan		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 4h15
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30 or similar

Summary:
River walk and bolder hopping with a few nice rappels in the later part in a not so clean canyon. Recommended to do entrance with the 110m dry rappel to only do the last part.

Hydrology:
Seems to have have high water during flooding, can be checked from the bridge, can take a lot of water.

Access:
To do only the (lower) part of the canyon entering on the 110m dry rappel, you go to the right on km18 in direction Huaxtla village and park at the view point (see also GPS)

Another potential "Middle" Entry (not tried yet): We drive to km 20 on „Carretera a Cotolan“ from Zapopan in direction San Cristobal de la Barranca. You park there next to the access road of a hotel (Hacienda Lomajim).

To do the full canyon (which is not recommended as it has additional 1-2h of walking and bolder hopping) von directly enter at km 18 on the same road on the bridge.

You need to shuttle the cars to the parking spot on the exit (see gps coordinates).

Approach:
To do only the (lower) part of the canyon entering on the 110m dry rappel, you walk from the viewpoint parking towards the dry river and then on the dry river bed to the edge of the big drop. On the right hand side you should see bolts for handline and a two bolt anchor.

Potential "Middle" Entry: You park there next to the access road of a hotel (Hacienda Lomajim). There should be a small dam to be seen (not confirmed yet) and you follow down the dam outlet into the canyon. The last part looks like some scrambling to do, see also pictures.

To do the full canyon: enter the canyon directly on the bridge on km 18.

Tour:
If you would do the full canyon starting from the bridge you will have additional 1-2h of walking and bolder hopping with smaller pools.

Entering from a potential "middle entry" you will have to do approximately 30 minutes of walking/downclimbing todo until you reach the first bigger potential rappel or jump.
- rappel approx. 10m, bolts on the left
- approx. 20m, bolts on the right
- approx. 15m, bolts on the left
- downclimb or abseil on a single bolt, approx. 15m, bolt left
- approx. 20m abseil with handline, easy if you have long legs

Do NOT exit the trip to the right on the path, continue for the next two rappels
- there is another smaller rappel, maybe 15m
- and the final one looks like the biggest one, approx. 25m (not confirmed yet)

Then you do a small walk until you find a water way leaving on the left side of the canyon.

If you do the entrance with the 110m dry rappel from the wall you will get roughly 35m, 30m and 40m rappels in the wall and then hit the canyon skipping the first three rappels but also a lot of bolder hopping, which would be the recommendation.

Return:
Follow the water way until it reaches the dirt road. Then walk back to the second car.

Coordinates:
Alternative Canyon Start 20.9337 -103.4300
Parking at Entry 20.9474 -103.4158
Parking at Entry 20.9354 -103.4297
Alternative Canyon Start 20.9414 -103.4191
Parking at Exit 20.9491 -103.3948
Canyon Start 20.9369 -103.4064
Parking at Entry 20.9363 -103.4052

Reports:

2024-11-05 | Max H. | ★★½ | 🕮 ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | Low | Completed
Ascent with 6 people as part of the RIC 2024. Unfortunately we started from the top as we had no precise information on the best way to traverse down into the stream. We chose the exit too early and missed the last two rappels. If you find a good middle entry point, it's certainly a relatively nice half-day tour. The stream was quite dirty (lots of garbage) and the water was not clear and not completely clean. (machine translated)