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Country: México / Mexico **Region:** Jalisco **Subregion:** Acatic **Town:** Acatic		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 II	**Total time:** 2h45
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 5
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:
§ Payment required,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60m, 1x30m

Summary:
A few rappels and walking with less water, nice hotsprings nearby, 150pesos for entry.

Hydrology:
Seems to have low water level in general, no indications of flooding found.

Access:
You drive to the town of Acatic, then continue following the GPS point to „Rancho Venado“ where you pay 150pesos per person for the access to the road/hotsprings. From there you have two different options, one is drive a little further and park at the same road and do the car shuttle down to the bridge. The other probably better option would be to drive back from the ranch to the last crossing and go to the other approach parking. From there its probably much easier to reach the entry point as you can walk on farmer trails instead of the fields.

Approach:
Two options, the original approach was to get the GPS data and parking shortly after the farmhouse. Follow after the parking into the fields until you hit a small stream bed. Then follow this to the left until you come closer to the cliff. You then can use a lot of boulders to do bolder hopping for another 20min, then cross in grassland and over corn fields until you hit the entrance.

A better approach would be probably (not done yet) to drive back from the ranch into town again and use the other access parking and see how far you could go on the road. Then follow there the obvious path to the edge. Do not follow the stream directly a its quite small and also in Grasland but try to reach the edge where the first drop is in the best available walking way.

Tour:
First rappel (about 30m) could need some proper bolting, for example handline and above the tree would be a solid option. Currently you have the choice of rusty bolts of better a tree on the left. Be careful to keep the water pipe next to the tree intact. Next rappel can be from a tree on the left or bolt on the right, maybe around 20m. Then some walking until the highest rappel (55m) is needed. There there are some bolts behind the edge, better option would be probably to do a handline plus hanging belay after the corner. Then for approx. 30min you walk in the river with smaller pools. Later you got a descent on the right hand side off a tree (5m) and shortly after that an 10m rappel from bolts on the left. Then maybe 5min after that the canyon can be exited on a path to the left (stone piles). If you do the other 10m descent after that you probably will get in trouble because then you need to do some river swimming for 4km or somehow climb up again, so the recommendation is to exit the canyon shortly after the first 10m on the left hand side.

Return:
Exit the canyon and follow the obvious path back to the bridge, even it is first following the wring direction. In 10-15min you should be back at the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 20.8225 -102.9413
Canyon End 20.8207 -102.9508
Parking at Exit 20.8200 -102.9518
Parking at Entry 20.8112 -102.9300
Parking at Entry 20.8119 -102.9451
Waypoint 20.8069 -102.9455
Waypoint 20.8285 -102.9622

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There were several "rustling" noises on the access, which could have been, among other things, slapping, so go slowly. We had chosen the "old" access based on the Ropewiki GPS data and walked around quite wildly in the cornfield or grass, almost like in a labyrinth. In the stream, we placed a bolt on the right at rappel 2 and marked the exit with cairns. Hotsprings afterwards are highly recommended. A car with a higher edge or similar is recommended for the approach. (machine translated)