

Garganta Verde

Arroyo de los Ballesteros, Rio Bocaleones, Arroyo Bocaleones

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Country: España / Spain Region: Andalucía / Andalusia Subregion: Cádiz Town: Zahara de la Sierra		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a3 IV	Total time: 5h30
Approach time: 45min	Tour time: 4h	Return time: 45min
Altitude entry: 650m	Altitude exit: 330m	Delta Altitude: 320m
Canyon length: 3000m	Highest rappel: 15m	Amount rappels: 5
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: North	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.9 (3)	Info: ★ 2 (2)	Belay: ★ 2.5 (2)
Specialties: Permit required,		
Gear: Ropes: 2x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) Large canyon largely without water for most of the year. Dangerous if there is enough water flow due to several backwaters.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Marbella to Ronda, from there either via Algodonales (faster) or Grazalema (more scenic) to Zahara (approx. 90 to 100 km). From Zahara, take the road to Puerto de las Palomas (which continues to Grazalema) uphill for approx. 5 km until you reach a large parking lot with signs. Park your car here for access. For the parking lot for the car for the exit as well as the transfer route, see: https://maps.google.es/maps?saddr=36.808331,-5.392163&daddr=Carretera+desconocida&hl=es&sll=36.808288,-5.391924&sspn=0.001643,0.002258&geocode=FYumMQId3bit_w%3BFfX_MQIdzX-t_w&t=h&mra=ls&z=14		
Approach: (machine translated) From here, a footpath leads north down into the canyon, which can be easily seen from the nearby (approx. 100 m) Mirador del Rio Bocaleones. After about 100 meters in altitude, hikers and canyonists reach the bottom of the gorge. For information on access, see: http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=71678		
Canyonists used to keep to the path for only 50 m after the fence and then head left (SW) down into the bottom of the gorge to the upper parts, but this is now forbidden.		
Tour: (machine translated) This is an impressive canyon with a large semi-cave and some extraordinary stalactite formations. It will only carry water after rainfall, but some pools with standing water (quite fresh!) make it advisable to at least bring a wetsuit.		
Return: (machine translated) If you do not have a wetsuit with you, you can exit at the end of the canyon shortly after the first elongated shallow pool to the left. With wetsuit it goes on for about 20 minutes in the stream (reasonably rewarding and refreshing especially in the heat) to a bridge. Immediately after this exit to the right on a path that leads a few hundred meters along the stream and then meets a track coming from the left. On this road you go up to the right to Zahara (in total about 3 km).		

Coordinates:

Canyon End [36.8309 -5.4069](#)

Canyon Start [36.8139 -5.4037](#)

Alternative Canyon End [36.8258 -5.4069](#)

Parking at Entry [36.8084 -5.3922](#)

Parking at Exit [36.8312 -5.4067](#)

Reports:

2025-01-31 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★ | 📄 ★★ | ⚓ ★★★ | ⚲ Normal | 🚻 Completed

Other nearby canyons were overflowing so we decided on Garganta 24hrs after multiple days of rain. (10-20mm or more) it activated the upper part, the middle section has more of a tendency to filter the water. The 3rd part is a nice extra. Morning start is best for light conditions.

2025-01-11 | Jeroen Kirchner | ★★★★ | 📄 ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚲ Low | 🚻 Completed

Permits via <https://www.juntadeandalucia.es/medioambiente/cupos-ciudadano> 2months to 1d in advance (weekdays low season no problem). Done with one car + e-bike. Half a drysuit works great. Great hike with a few abseils.

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★ | 📄 | ⚓ |

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