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
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 650m	**Altitude exit:** 330m	**Delta Altitude:** 320m
Canyon length: 3000m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 5
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Specialities:
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.

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:cadiz:garganta_verde

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