Canon del Rio Formiga

Formiga, Barranco del Formiga, Rio Formiga

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Country: España / Spain Region: Aragón Subregion: Huesca Town: Panzano		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a3 II	Total time: 2h35
Approachtime: 50min	Tourtime: 1h30	Returntime: 15min
Altitude entry: 700m	Altitude exit: 630m	Delta Altitude: 70m
Canyon length: 1500m	Highest rapell: 8m	Amount rapells: 5
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: km²
Season:	Orientation: Southeast	Best Time:
Rating: 🖈 4 (13)	Info: 🖈 3 (8)	Belay: ★ 2.8 (10)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)

Last part of the access sloping terrain until the steel cable railing; short beautiful canyon; clean water; no major difficulties; some narrows; small cave; small siphon; good half-day tour; partly round cut rock, limestone.

Water level: http://canyoning.pirineos-pyrenees.eu/barranco/9

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From the campsite (Agua) take the road (left) towards Bierge --> after a short descent there is a bridge (bend on the right) where you park on the gravel parking place on the left side of the stream (Rio Formiga).

Approach: (machine translated)

From parking lot across the creek --> to the right --> signage of Rio Formiga --> follow the path to a large rock roof with masonry below --> here take the very steep path r. next to the already cut gorge part (Attention! the more dangerous path goes below. 2. better path goes a little above) --> now continue the path to the steel rope traverse --> this leads directly to the entry (1st rappel point) to the streambed (R8).

Tour: (machine translated)

The tour starts immediately with some smooth rocks which you master by climbing down or sliding or jumping --> quickly the canyon narrows but with little slope it continues to the 2nd abseil (r. 8m) with above it stuck clamping block --> narrow and swimming it continues to the 2nd clamping block --> narrow passage with 3rd abseil (r. 8m). rappel (left 8m) in narrow pool with jammed trees (rappel) --> 3m dive at siphon (can alternatively be rappelled) --> after a short distance the canyon becomes more open again --> climbing, jumping, slide and walking passages --> big rock block can be climbed through or left --> small slide at the top of the canyon --> small slide in canyons bypass above+ small slide into pools --> open canyon walking and climbing --> narrow passage to 4th rappel (r.), 7m (jumping also possible) --> behind the waterfall is a small cave (ca. 10m) (lamp not necessary) --> short swim --> last part goes over straight vegetation passage to shallow streambed with small slide (r. 5m) --> walk --> column 5th rappel or downclimb and jump --> walk to the Steinmandl- pile at the rock ribs --> exit (le.) ca. 50m after the Steinmandl pile at ca. 630Hm.

Return: (machine translated)

If you leave the creek on the left, take the path on the right (not up on the left) --> follow the left side of the creek to the parking lot.

Coordinates:

Parking Entry and Exit 42.2343 - 0.2004Parking Entry and Exit 42.2343 - 0.2004

Canyon End 42.2284 -0.1884

Reports:

2025-08-30 | System User | |□ | 🕹 | 🏯 Low | 👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Formiga arrivée a 10h00 au parking, 40 voitures, on est parti ailleurs.... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20798/observations.html)

2025-08-26 | System User | |□ | 🖒 | 🏯 Normal | 🖒 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Formiga Bonnes conditions. Départ matinal, vu personne à par 1 sanglier et 5 chèvres ibériques. Parking plein à midi. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20798/observations.html)

2025-08-25 | System User | |□ |₺ | 🏯 Low | 🖒 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Formiga On a pris le départ plus haut, il y a un très joli étroit qui doit être impressionnant avec du débit mais qui a clairement rajouté de l'intérêt au canyon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20798/observations.html)

2025-08-20 | System User | | 🕮 | 🕏 | 🗮 Normal | 🖒 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Formiga Vus sur la route juste avant le canyon en venant de Yaso, 2 cerfs avec des grands cors et une chèvre ibérique et son chevreau.Parking transformé en camping sauvage (et illégal): 1 camping car en travers occupant 4 places de stationnement et 6 voitures espagnoles dont les occupants (une vingtaine de personnes) dormaient sous une dizaine de tentes !...5 chèvres ibérlques en rive droite vues du sentier.Une d'entre elles a fait tomber des rochers sur les dalles du départ, d'où l'intérêt de rester sous le surplomb pour s'équiper... Un caillou de 2 ou 3 kg est tombé et on l'a su quand il a explosé au sol...On était les premiers, donc seuls mais parking bien plein. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20798/observations.html)

2025-08-19 | System User | $|\mathfrak{Q}|$ $|\mathfrak{Z}|$ | \cong Normal | $\stackrel{l}{\omega}$ Completed

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2025-07-11 | Julien | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏳 | 🕁 ★ ★ | 🏯 Normal | 🖒 Completed

As beautiful as ever. (machine translated)

2025-07-11 | Gareth Evans | $\spadesuit \Leftrightarrow \spadesuit \Leftrightarrow | \square \Leftrightarrow \bigstar | \mathring{\bot} \Leftrightarrow \bigstar | \equiv Low | \spadesuit Completed$

a beautiful short tour with very easy access, alot of jumping potential (especially for those who enjoy precission jumps), although we left the car park by 8:45 we were not that first in the gorge and as we returned there were more than 30 cars, here an early start pays. the tour itself starts off with a fun enclosed section with jumps and abseils culminating in a slide/jump/ab with a beautiful cave behind, shortly after a siphon which if necessary could be climbed but is easily swam under, the following 1 km is a mix of Stepped stream bed with short enclosed sections, we exited at the point where the ascent path briefly meets the stream bed.

2025-07-01 | Oli Ro | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏻 ★ ★ | 🕹 | 🏯 Low | 🖒 Completed

Beautiful canyon, pleasant access (machine translated)

2025-05-24 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏻 ☆ ★ ★ | 🕹 ★ ★ | 🏯 High | 🧀 Completed

Everything is tip top. Lots of water at the moment, but no problem. Many guides with groups on the tour. (machine translated)

2025-05-01 | PeterAlbertini | ☆ ☆ ☆ ∮ | ឝ ★ ★ | ♣ ★ | ﷺ Normal | ຝ Completed

Nice. Very busy at the commercial level... (machine translated)

2025-04-22 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🏳 ★ ★ ★ | 🏯 High | 🖒 Completed

A lot of water but easy to walk on. 50cm thick foam carpet in front of siphon. We climbed over it. (machine translated)

2024-03-20 | Rok | $\stackrel{\wedge}{\curvearrowright} \stackrel{\wedge}{\curvearrowright} \stackrel{\wedge}{\curvearrowright} | \square \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow} \stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow} | \stackrel{\bullet}{\circlearrowleft} \stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow} \stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow} | \stackrel{\Xi}{\cong} \text{Normal } | \stackrel{\bullet}{\multimap} \text{Completed}$

Currently clear and beautifully flowing water. Stands tip top. The siphon has to be swum through at the bottom, but no problem. Beautiful canyon, without much difficulty. (machine translated)

2023-07-17 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ | □ | ₺ ★ ★ | 蓋 Low | ♠ Completed

Many groups.... (machine translated)