Mascun (Superior)

Barranco Mascun superior,Rio Mascun

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Aragón **Subregion:** Huesca **Town:** Rodellar		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 7h45
Approachtime: 2h15	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 1h30
Altitude entry: 1010m	**Altitude exit:** 900m	**Delta Altitude:** 110m
Canyon length: 5000m	**Highest rapell:** 18m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.9 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (11)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Scenic and varied rappel canyon with impressive ambience and fun potential. One of the most beautiful canyons not only of the region.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
On the N-240 from Lleida or on the A-138 from France through debn tunnel from Bielsa via Ainsa to Barbastro. On the ring road around the city and continue on the N-240 towards Huesca. About 22 km after Barbastro we turn right on the A-1229. Via Abiego and Bierge (turn left after Abiego) we arrive at Rodellar (about 30 km from the turnoff from the N-240).

Approach: (machine translated)
In Rodellar, follow the signs to Barranco Mascun. We come down to the stream, cross it and come to the spring on the right (orographic left) side. Continue northwards, passing the Bco Fornocal de Andrebot, where you climb up to the left towards Barrasil and Gorgas Negras and then, after a long stretch on the orographic left bank, you come to the point where the path crosses the stream to go up the other side towards Otin (La Costera path). We reach the plateau, may be able to see vultures sitting on the rocky ledges above the canyon and look down into the abode of the wizards (Moorish Maskhun). With a bit of luck, the snow-covered peaks of the main Pyrenean ridge will loom on the horizon behind you. The path walks between stone walls at times and we come to 2 large oak trees. The path now descends and crosses a dry gully. Down this to the right we would come to the entry of the Bco. Otin.
However, we cross the chute and pass the abandoned village of Otin to the east of it. We cross 2 rivulets and then turn left past a detached house. We are now on a field path, on the right we see a spring with a pump ("untreated water"). The path climbs slightly, we cross a ridge and pass the junction of a path that would lead to the entry to the Raisin or the Fajas del Mascun. The path now climbs slightly in sparse forest to a flat saddle. A few meters before this saddle, tracks turn off to the right (waypoint !) which lead in an easterly direction directly to the entry to the Mascun Superior. See optimal track https://de.wikiloc.com/routen-canyoning/mascun-superior-217346694
In the past, the entry was approached in a relatively wide arc, see:
http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=11111554 (earlier access)

Alternatively, there is another access from Rodellar on the orographic left side, which can cause problems finding the way, see: http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=10149393 (access via the orographic left side)
see also mapa general de Mascun: *
http://picasaweb.google.com/105038661946921389681/MapasZonaAlcanadreGuara?gsessionid=IYZjdOTHsWwApXi9qMRzE
and: * http://canyoning-guides.blogspot.de/search/label/Barranco%2520Mascun

Tour: (machine translated)
The entry into the Saltadero de las Lañas is usually made with a jump (7m). After another jump (1.5m), there is an 18m dry abseil onto a ledge, from which you can jump another 3m.
If the access is overcrowded (especially at weekends), you can rappel 33m in one go from the rocky outcrop on the front left, provided you have a 35m rope with you.
A third option is to continue a little further along the left edge through the bushes (max. 30 m) and then abseil down to the right through a short chute onto a cone of earth (approx. 10 m).
Now follow the Cascadas de Peña Guara, which - as already mentioned - can be bypassed on the left.
The 7m rappel at the beginning is jumpable - the jump is slippery! The 7m abseil at the start is jumpable - jump off slippery!
This is followed by a longer run, with the Bco. Raisin comes in from the right.
A few more ramps that we can run or jump down in the sintered streambed, then we enter a narrow section that leads us through a high and impressive passage grotto ("Sala").
This is followed by the "Oscuros de Otin" with a series of further rappels (caution: on the first one: soapstone, so the stand is slippery), including a small jump into the "Pozo Negro", the black pot. Finally, a longer rappel over a sintered tree trunk brings us back to the light, a last jump (approx. 5m) then we swim out of the dark area.
Smaller steps follow, then the last rappel at the pot into which the water falls in a rappel divided by the rock (caution: not jumpable - already several serious accidents here).
This is followed by the Mascun inferior (see description there if necessary). From the left, the Bco. os Fornazos comes down over a rock face, then after a "boulevard" and a large rock pillar on the right, the path from Otin through the Canal d'o Turno. Now normally take the path on the right out of the streambed to Bco. Otin, but you can also stay in the streambed - Fornocal d'Otin in the "Gran Circo". I would like to point out the situation with the large pool, which is almost completely closed off by a rock. Although there is light shining through, it is better not to dive through it, but to dive through the gap on the left above ground. When I tried to dive through, I almost got stuck between the rock and the ground and came out on the other side, but in quite a panic.
This is followed by the karst spring below the last fall of the Bco. Otin and then we walk and climb out until we meet the (access) path that comes down from the village of Otin and crosses the streambed.

Return: (machine translated)
Here we get off on the left bank and march back to Rodellar the way we came about 6 to 7 hours before.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.3316 -0.0579
Canyon End 42.3192 -0.0627
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2822 -0.0776
Waypoint 42.3309 -0.0653

Reports:

2025-11-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Sauvage, très beaux passages, des longues nages et beaucoup de marche a la fin de l'encaissement....trop de marche... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2025-11-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2025-10-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Un petit filet d'eau depuis le départ jusque à la sortie au niveau du sabot après au Otin. Au légèrement trouble sur les deux tiers du parcours et roches extrêmement glissante suite à des dépôts de boues consécutive aux orages. Un grand silence et personne dans le canyon de la journée en dehors de nous deux. ????????☀ (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2025-07-02 | Oli Ro | ★ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Superiore access with GPS track from the description! Canyon with very little water and therefore very hot Water consistently cloudy or algaey Way back through the river bed Total time ascent, mascun superiore, inferiore. And way back in about 7h (4 persons) Scenically beautiful, canyon-technically uninteresting at this water level (machine translated)

2025-05-26 | Rok | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. You have to like walking... (machine translated)

2025-04-30 | PeterAlbertini | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon! (machine translated)

2025-04-24 | Peter Lampacher | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
All good, even with a high water level (machine translated)

2025-04-24 | Peter Lampacher | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Water level high but unproblematic after some rain. (machine translated)

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:huesca:mascun_superior

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2024-03-17 | Rok | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Currently very good water level, but not for beginners, as there are currently a few backflows. No comparison to the usual pictures here. Top canyon, with very beautiful scenics. Also very interesting for climbers. All jumps are doable. (machine translated)

2023-07-18 | Patrik Bartel | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Incredibly beautiful canyon, unfortunately 2 super lame groups in front of us, which did not let us 2 pass... (machine translated)

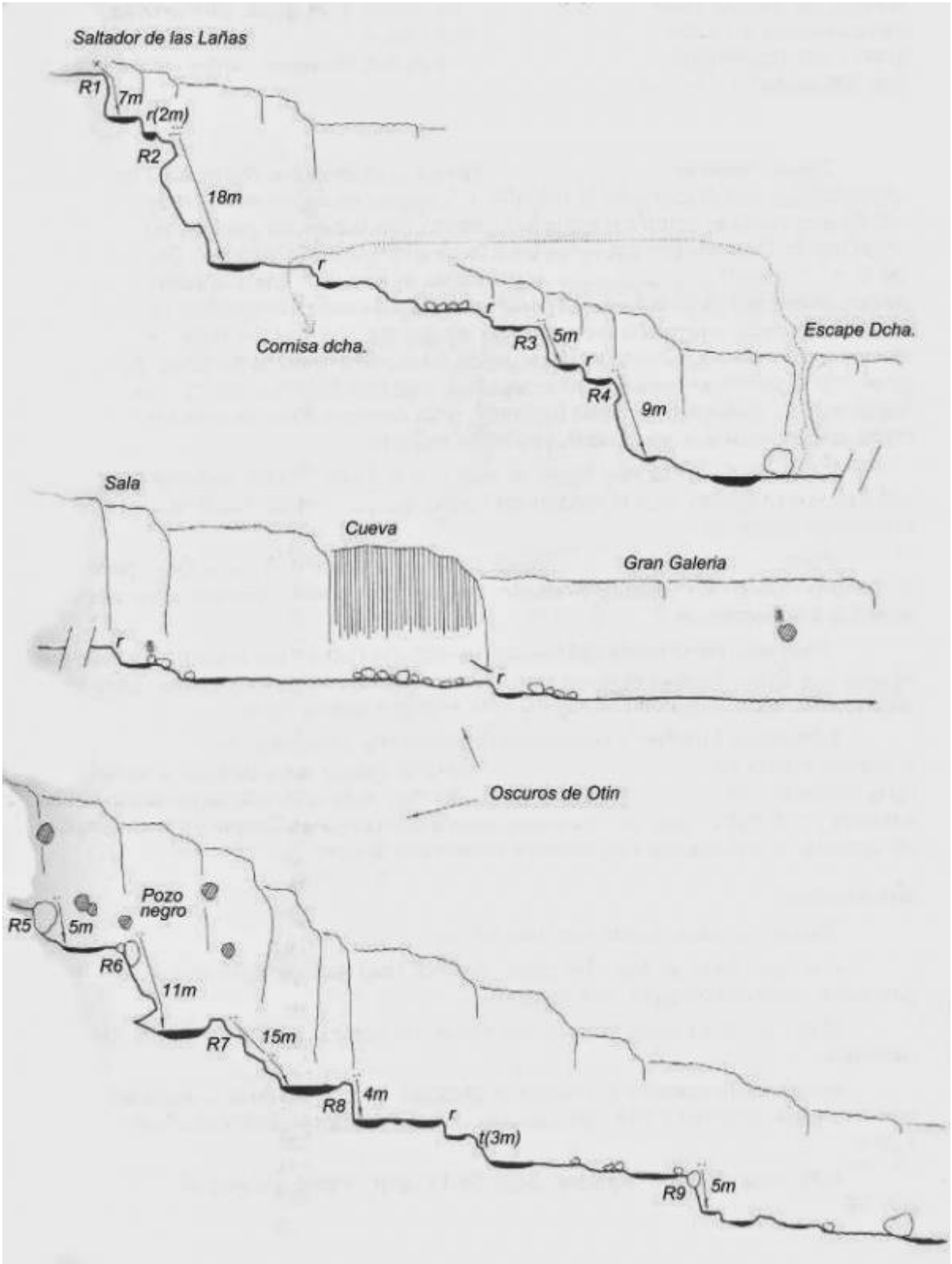
2023-07-15 | Bina | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The outward route is also scenic. (machine translated)

2023-07-03 | Wolfgang Streicher | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Approached via shortcut, apparently still relatively rarely used.No waiting time at the entrance, partly quite slippery due to suspended sediment. In the area of the "Osccuros" roped down through "windows". Some effort to bring the backpacks down here. (machine translated)

2023-04-08 | Alex Arnold | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Installations good. Running you have to like :) Without rain, this will be a dry thing in 1-2 months. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |

Parts:
Mascun (Superior), v4 a4 III, 2h15+4h+1h30
Mascun Ultimos Estrechos, v2 a3 II, 15min+2h+10min
Mascun (Inferior), v1 a2 II, 30min+6h+35min



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