

Torrent de Fontalba

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Cataluña / Catalunya **Subregion:** provincia de Gerona / Provincia de Girona
Town: Queralbs

Difficulty: a little difficult

Grading: v4 a3 III

Total time: 4h

Approachtime: 30min

Tourtime: 2h30

Returntime: 1h

Altitude entry: 1900m

Altitude exit: 1700m

Delta Altitude: 200m

Canyon length: 850m

Highest rapell: 60m

Amount rapells: 11

Transport: Car required

Rock type:

Drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation: East

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 2 (1)

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Belay: ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x60m

Summary: (machine translated)

Largely open stream with shallow rappels from trees. Long stretches can be bypassed right next to the stream.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

Coming from Ripoll, drive into the village of Queralbs. At the edge of the village is the parking lot "Parking Cremallera" right next to the station for the cog railroad. Two cars to be able to shuttle are strongly recommended, otherwise access should take 3+ hours. Leave one car at the parking lot and take the second car up the steep "Carretera de Fontalba" road with many hairpin bends to the last parking lot (approx. 30 minutes).

Approach: (machine translated)

From the parking lot, descend along the ridge along the tree line until you reach a small stream. Follow this downhill until it joins the Fontalba stream and walk a few more hundred meters next to the stream until the stream drops more steeply and you find the first rappel (30-45 minutes).

Tour: (machine translated)

The tour begins with a short, narrow rappel in a fairly strong current. After that, rappels from trees (canyons and chain links available) dominate in the wide, slippery stream and open canyon. The middle section can be bypassed completely, the rappels are mostly very shallow. The final is a 60 meter rappel, but this can also be done with several shorter rappels on trees if you don't have 2x 60m ropes.

Return: (machine translated)

Follow the hiking trail towards Queralbs as far as the parking lot. The quickest way is a road next to the tracks, but its use is prohibited.

Coordinates:

Parking at Exit [42.3530 2.1669](#)

Parking at Entry [42.3666 2.1520](#)

Canyon Start [42.3706 2.1479](#)

Canyon End [42.3735 2.1609](#)

Waypoint [42.3733 2.1629](#)

Waypoint [42.3679 2.1453](#)

Reports:

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Nice open stream with sometimes quite strong current, but not very rewarding due to the long approach (or car chute) and long way back. Almost exclusively abseiled from trees equipped with slings and rings. (machine translated)