

Fornocal

Barranco del Fornocal

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Country: España / Spain Region: Aragón Subregion: Huesca Town: Colungo		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 IV	Total time: 4h55
Approachtime: 45min	Tourtime: 4h	Returntime: 10min
Altitude entry: 800m	Altitude exit: 605m	Delta Altitude: 195m
Canyon length: 3100m	Highest rappel: 12m	Amount rapells: 10
Transport:	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: South	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.7 (5)	Info: ★ 2.8 (4)	Belay: ★ 3 (3)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) Long, complex and varied hike and rappel canyon.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Barbastro in the direction of Alquézar. After about 20 km on the newly extended A 1232, turn right at the junction before the Rio Vero bridge (old arched bridge on the righthand side - beyond the Rio Vero camping bridge) and continue on the A 2205 via Colungo in the direction of Arcusa, Ainsa. The road now winds its way northwards. Cross the Bco Palomeras Fornocal (8.1 km from Rio Vero bridge) and a few hundred meters further on you will reach the Puente de las Gargantas over the Rio Fornocal. Here we can park our first car on the left before the bridge. With the second, we continue along the many bends. After 15.7 km (from Rio Vero) we reach the point where a forest road branches off to the right. We can park our second car at the beginning of the forest road. * http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=4917385		
Approach: (machine translated) We walk up the forest road, after 900 m another slope joins from the right. 600 m further on, we ignore a forest road that branches off to the left here. Our forest road now describes a long right-hand bend. Another 900 m further on, the sloping forest road makes a sharp left turn (at a right angle). Here, from the slope in a southerly direction in or next to a small streambed (dry - labeled "torrentera" in Salamero, map sketch p. 290), you can access the Fornocal via a short route exactly where it bends from an east-west direction at a right angle to the south, cf: * http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=2807615 . Follow the path to a dry streambed, where the clear path leads upwards to the right to the Cueva de Muriecho, a cave niche with rock paintings (worthwhile 5-minute detour). Continue the descent on climbing tracks through the partly thorny dry bed until you reach the Fornocal with three abseils (10m, 5m, 8m). To get to the usual access, continue along the slope and after another 250 m you will come to an inconspicuous dry streambed, which you follow to the streambed of the Fornocal, cf: * http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=130094		
Tour: (machine translated) First we walk along the largely flat streambed for quite some time until we reach the first rappel under the large boulder. From here, we start a varied tour with narrow sections, clamping blocks, small rappels, a grotto, a spring, sinter overhangs and a natural arch, to list just a few of the interesting moments. Towards the exit, longer sections await us until the bridge arch becomes visible high above us.		
Return: (machine translated) 50 m after the bridge we climb following the tracks on the right up to the bridge and the car.		

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [42.2108 0.0730](#)

Canyon End [42.1899 0.0601](#)

Parking at Exit [42.1903 0.0606](#)

Parking at Entry [42.2104 0.0468](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [42.2092 0.0677](#)

Reports:

2025-05-25 | Rok | ★★★★★ | ⚒ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★★★ | ⚓ Normal |  Completed

Everything tip top. Lots going on in the canyon. (machine translated)

2025-05-02 | PeterAlbertini | ★★★★★ | ⚒ ★★★★ | ⚓ ★★★★ | ⚓ Normal |  Completed

Beautiful, many plunge pools, clean water (machine translated)

2024-03-19 | Rok | ★★★★★ | ⚒ ★★★★ | ⚓ ★★★★ | ⚓ Normal |  Completed

Absolutely brilliant canyon when it has water. It is currently being flushed. We chose the alternative access with cave painting tour. We liked it very much as it has good water. The stands are ok. Very narrow in places. (machine translated)

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

Daten importiert von <https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/FornocalCanyon.html>

2019-04-28 | Christian Balla | ★★★★ | ⚒ ★★ | ⚓ | ⚓ Low |  Completed

Impressive, varied canyon Photos: <https://www.christian-balla.de/Fornocal> Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pflDTgP_vHc (machine translated)