Gorgonchon

Estrechos del Gorgonchon,Rio Formiga,El Gorgonchon

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Aragón **Subregion:** Huesca **Town:** Panzano		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 2h
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 1h10	**Returntime:** 35min
Altitude entry: 560m	**Altitude exit:** 540m	**Delta Altitude:** 20m
Canyon length: 180m	**Highest rapell:** 9m	**Amount rapells:** 2
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (11)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (7)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x25m

Summary: (machine translated)
Extremely narrow canyon but with very beautiful passages; good mastery of the spreading technique; only for small groups; siphon; do not use unnecessary material or large backpacks (danger of getting stuck).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the campsite (Agua) follow the road on the left down to Bierge, past the parking lot of Rio Formiga --> continue to follow the road (slight incline) --> to km 28.5 (red marked road stones) --> immediately on the right gravel descent (+meadow) with parking on the right (sign of El Gorgonchon).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot follow the wide gravel path towards the canyon --> then several small descent paths to the already visible canyon --> once at the stream, take the left side to the narrow section (entry approx. 560m).

see: http://www.descensodebarrancos.com/barrancos/gorgonchon/topo/mapa.html

Tour: (machine translated)
Right at the beginning you get a good foretaste of the next 30min after you have again in a little space to puff --> to get to the first downclimb you have to downclimb left (slippery) --> from the clamping block you rappel about 6m into the narrowness --> then follows a 30m long very narrow swimming passage max. 0.5m wide --> r. comes a traverese rope which is needed in any case until the end (very narrow and slippery!) in order to be able to rappel down approx. 9m well, the first one should go to the foremost chain link (after the traverese rope) and set up the rope needed for this --> this approx. 30m long narrow passage is very tricky, as one can only advance with good spreading technique. In addition, the gap narrows towards the bottom where the water usually has a strong current --> towards the end the distance to the wall is only 0.5m --> a trapped tree gives a short rest --> after that slipping is not allowed --> once you have mastered this most difficult part it is not quite so narrow anymore --> now you have a canyon in front of you, which is difficult to describe with words (by incident light there are sparkling walls, emerald green water in narrow swimming passages, stalagmites, sinter curtains, ornate passages and breathtaking wall gullies) --> after approx. 1h there is another highlight, a 2m long siphon (boulder) --> after about 30m swim you come to a dam (weir) --> downclimb 2m (slippery) and then leave the canyon to the left.

Attention! In the first waterfall is a "hole" behind the curtain.

Return: (machine translated)
Along the trail --> left. steep up to the rock wall (rusty rope traverse and steps) --> trail leads to the access and on to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.2041 -0.1423
Canyon End 42.2023 -0.1416
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2116 -0.1375
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2109 -0.1381

Reports:

2026-08-26 | Andreas B | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Compared to three years ago, a new section has formed in the lower third. A rockfall has occurred there, allowing you to climb underneath it when the water level is normal. The final section up to the old river level is a bit tricky for shorter people. However, there is a sling with a chain link available. Alternatively, you can climb over the rockfall. There is an anchor at the top. The description probably needs to be revised. The photo shows the rockfall. The 2 meters listed for the siphon to swim through is also significantly exaggerated at summer water levels. Since the river is dammed up shortly afterward, it can hardly be any longer even with higher water levels. (machine translated)

2026-08-22 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon Toujours aussi joli. Par contre pas mal de débris de bois suite à l orage de l avant veille.Au niveau de l éboulement des branches présentes dans l étroiture, nous avons préféré utiliser le relai HC (1 point) en haut de l éboulement. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

2026-06-25 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Double handline in the crux. This part can even be downclimbed, but considering the risk, one should rather do it on rope. The water is peaceful and pleasant at the moment. Someone's left a bra at the info table, it is still there.

2026-06-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon Débit assez bas. A faire sans sacs, on peut les laisser après la marche d’approche, au départ du canyon et les reprendre au retour. Le sentier de retour rive gauche est épineux, il vaut mieux garder le bas de combinaison, et le sortir après avoir récupéré les sacs, avant l’ascension finale. Plus de 40 degrés ce jour. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

2026-06-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon De toute beauté ! Main courante nickel en place, premier rappel facile à prendre sans monter sur le bloc coincé. Dans ces conditions on profite pleinement ! (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

2026-06-18 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2026-06-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon Canyon toujours aussi agréable à descendre. Main courante à demeure : RAS. Équipement ok (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

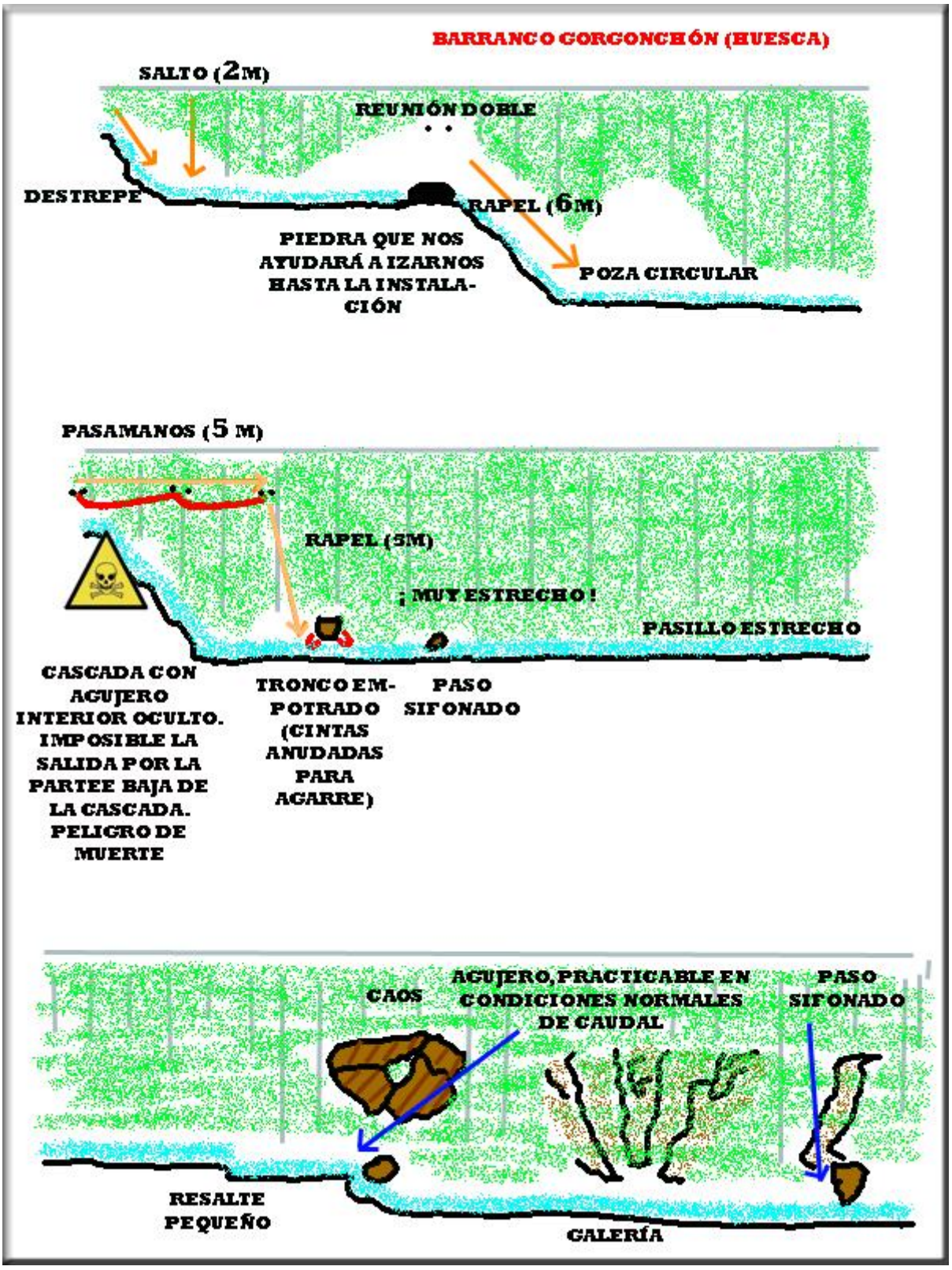
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2026-05-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gorgonchon Le débit nous paraissait important. Ne connaissant pas le canyon on a fait demi tour (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20777/observations.html)

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