Gouffre d Enfer

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Country: France **Region:** Occitanie **Subregion:** Haute-Garonne / Upper Garonne **Town:**		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v5 a6 IV	**Total time:**
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:**	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: 2200m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 25
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - November	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40

Summary: (machine translated)
The abyss of hell, is the biggest canyon for its long approach, long descent, technical difficulties, flow, ... everything is immense in this canyon and boasts of its name. If you try to chain its 4 parts (the upper part does not contribute much) you will have to plan a very long day and start walking at night.
Recommended only for small groups (up to 4) of people with a lot of experience.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
We must reach Bagnères de Luchon from the French side by the D125 or from Spain by the Portillon from Bossost by the N141. Arriving at Saint Mamet we will take the D125 to SuperBagnères and Valle du Lys. Turn right on the D46 following the Vallée du Lis and a little further on turn left (Superbagnères on the right) following the Vallée du Lis and the Cascade d'Enfer. We arrive at a parking lot.

Approach: (machine translated)
Along the track of the power plant we will go up following the indications. At each junction with the Enfer we have an end/beginning of the section, so we can choose to do them separately. The route is marked as 43.
After an hour and a half we can enter the Gouffre d'Enfer or continue up to "Mines des Crabioules" to enter the Riu d'Enfer, for this we will continue climbing and in the area where the road flattens, after crossing the 4th stream, we will leave this path and go down to the river.

Tour: (machine translated)
Riu d'Enfer
This part of the descent is the wildest and easiest. The facilities are quite precarious but sufficient. A very alpine atmosphere will envelop us.
Gouffre d'Enfer
Section 1: The easiest of the three sections. The most "interesting" part is the split waterfall with its exposed handrail.
Section 2: where the Belvedere viewpoint is, it starts with the waterfall split in 3 to, below the viewpoint, go down to the Wind corridor, where we will have to be very careful with the overhangs and the cold. We will exit after the Tubo waterfall.
Section 3: the most difficult, where we will have to test ourselves in the guided rappel or Paso de los Inhumanos. Up to 12 intermediate points for which we will have to be well equipped. After this we will finish with the Cascade d'Enfer, divided into 3 sections.

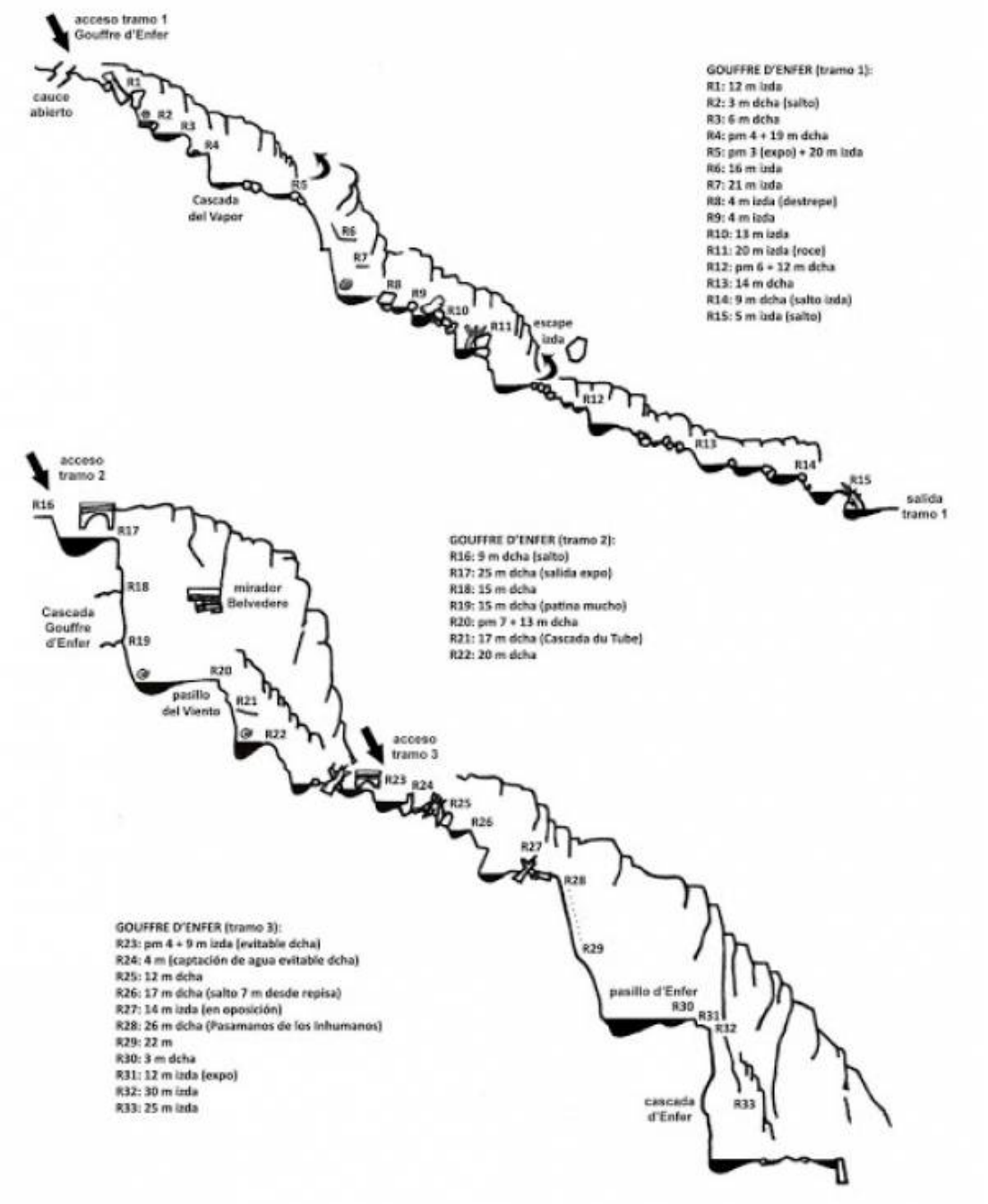
Return: (machine translated)
Immediate

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.7365 0.5560
Canyon End 42.7362 0.5559
Unknown 42.7338 0.5508
Unknown 42.7310 0.5505
Unknown 42.7296 0.5498
Unknown 42.7272 0.5468
Unknown 42.7327 0.5524

Reports:

2026-09-03 | Ruben Casta | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
The water flow is sufficient to navigate most of the rapids on the river, including the last one. (machine translated)

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