

# Balata

Barranco Balata,.Barranco de San Victorián,Barranco del Rio Sup.

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<b>Country:</b> España / Spain <b>Region:</b> Aragón <b>Subregion:</b> Huesca <b>Town:</b> Abizanda		
<b>Difficulty:</b> not as difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v3 a2 II	<b>Total time:</b> 4h20
<b>Approachtime:</b> 1h30	<b>Tourtime:</b> 2h30	<b>Returntime:</b> 20min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 785m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 635m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 150m
<b>Canyon length:</b> 1800m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 16m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 9
<b>Transport:</b> Car required	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>drainage area:</b> km²
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b> Northeast	<b>Best Time:</b>
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 2.1 (2)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 0 ()	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 0 ()

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**

Ropes: 2x20m

**Summary:** (machine translated)

rappel and hiking canyon.

The different designations make the glaring weakness of the san (also topographic view) maps clear. About which descent it is about, is clear from the photo with the overview fawn.

In my opinion, it is the Barranco de San Victorián, which runs west of the ridge on which the hermitage of the same name is located, in a south-north direction and then flows into the transverse Moliniecho/Bco. del Rio/Rio Abizanda (superiore). The entry is through a left side canyon. Whether its name is Balata I dare to doubt, but in any case it comes from the direction of the hamlet of the same name.

Also the beginning and exit of the "Bco. Balata" and "Barranco del Rio superiore" are indicated differently, see the listed books and the general map of the canyons of the Sierra de Guara.

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)

On the A-138 (Bielsa - Barbastro) either from Ainsa 23 km southward or from Barbastro 31 km northward to Abizanda. About 500 m north of the village with the prominent tower, we turn onto the A-2210 in the direction of Naval. 550 m further on we come to the road bridge over the Barranco del Rio and park the lower vehicle here. 6.3 km further on we drive uphill in serpentine with the second vehicle and come to the place where a dirt road turns off to the right (in eastern direction). Here we park the second vehicle.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

We follow the dirt road about 1700 m and come to a saddle that gives a view of the main ridge of the Pyrenees. Here now beyond (initially in the direction of NE) downhill. After another 1500 m (approximately) we reach the deepest point of the slope, before it rises again to the Ermita San Victorián, 150m away. If we don't have a second vehicle available, we come here on the well-marked hiking trail PR-Hu 159 from Abizanda. We now follow this path in a southwesterly direction, cross the Bco. de San Victorián after a while and, after an erosion area, descend without a path at a suitable point to the right into the stream.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

Thus, the descent begins in a left tributary of the Bco. de San Victorián and continues in it. Also the main stream into which the Bco. San Victorián flows into is probably no longer called Bco. del Rio, but Barranco Moliniecho. Balata is the name of the village located to the west of the access - beyond the ridge. The stream is only worthwhile - if one disregards the scenic - when there is water flow (spring or after rainfall). In the Bco. Moliniecho we come across a nice rappel after a longer walk, but it can also be bypassed to the right. A connection with the rewarding Bco. del Rio below the village of Abizanda offers itself.

**Return:** (machine translated)

Where the mentioned trail PR-HU 159 crosses the stream (here called Bco. Moliniecho), on this left out and on a slope to the car at the bridge.

**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [42.2426 0.1640](#)

Canyon End [42.2486 0.1780](#)

Parking at Entry [42.2249 0.1725](#)

Parking at Exit [42.2469 0.1888](#)

Waypoint [42.2422 0.1682](#)

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