

Canon del Rio Formiga

Formiga, Barranco del Formiga, Rio Formiga

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Country: España / Spain Region: Aragón Subregion: Huesca Town: Panzano		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a3 II	Total time: 2h35
Approachtime: 50min	Tourtime: 1h30	Returtime: 15min
Altitude entry: 700m	Altitude exit: 630m	Delta Altitude: 70m
Canyon length: 1500m	Highest rapell: 8m	Amount rapells: 5
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: Southeast	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.1 (12)	Info: ★ 3 (8)	Belay: ★ 2.9 (9)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x20m		
Summary: (machine translated) Last part of the access sloping terrain until the steel cable railing; short beautiful canyon; clean water; no major difficulties; some narrows; small cave; small siphon; good half-day tour; partly round cut rock, limestone. Water level: http://canyoning.pirineos-pyrenees.eu/barranco/9		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From the campsite (Agua) take the road (left) towards Bierge --> after a short descent there is a bridge (bend on the right) where you park on the gravel parking place on the left side of the stream (Rio Formiga).		
Approach: (machine translated) From parking lot across the creek --> to the right --> signage of Rio Formiga --> follow the path to a large rock roof with masonry below --> here take the very steep path r. next to the already cut gorge part (Attention! the more dangerous path goes below. 2. better path goes a little above) --> now continue the path to the steel rope traverse --> this leads directly to the entry (1st rappel point) to the streambed (R8).		
Tour: (machine translated) The tour starts immediately with some smooth rocks which you master by climbing down or sliding or jumping --> quickly the canyon narrows but with little slope it continues to the 2nd abseil (r. 8m) with above it stuck clamping block --> narrow and swimming it continues to the 2nd clamping block --> narrow passage with 3rd abseil (r. 8m). rappel (left 8m) in narrow pool with jammed trees (rappel) --> 3m dive at siphon (can alternatively be rappelled) --> after a short distance the canyon becomes more open again --> climbing, jumping, slide and walking passages --> big rock block can be climbed through or left --> small slide at the top of the canyon --> small slide in canyons bypass above+ small slide into pools --> open canyon walking and climbing --> narrow passage to 4th rappel (r.), 7m (jumping also possible) --> behind the waterfall is a small cave (ca. 10m) (lamp not necessary) --> short swim --> last part goes over straight vegetation passage to shallow streambed with small slide (r. 5m) --> walk --> column 5th rappel or downclimb and jump --> walk to the Steinmandl- pile at the rock ribs --> exit (le.) ca. 50m after the Steinmandl pile at ca. 630Hm.		
Return: (machine translated) If you leave the creek on the left, take the path on the right (not up on the left) --> follow the left side of the creek to the parking lot.		
Coordinates: Parking Entry and Exit 42.2343 -0.2004 Parking Entry and Exit 42.2343 -0.2004 Canyon End 42.2284 -0.1884		

Reports:

2025-07-11 | Julien | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
As beautiful as ever. (machine translated)

2025-07-11 | Gareth Evans | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed
a beautiful short tour with very easy access, alot of jumping potential (especially for those who enjoy precission jumps), although we left the car park by 8:45 we were not that first in the gorge and as we returned there were more than 30 cars, here an early start pays. the tour itself starts off with a fun enclosed section with jumps and abseils culminating in a slide/jump/ab with a beautiful cave behind, shortly after a siphon which if necessary could be climbed but is easily swam under, the following 1 km is a mix of Stepped stream bed with short enclosed sections, we exited at the point where the ascent path briefly meets the stream bed.

2025-07-01 | Oli Ro | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed
Beautiful canyon, pleasant access (machine translated)

2025-05-24 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed
Everything is tip top. Lots of water at the moment, but no problem. Many guides with groups on the tour.
(machine translated)

2025-05-01 | PeterAlbertini | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Nice. Very busy at the commercial level... (machine translated)

2025-04-22 | Peter Lampacher | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed
A lot of water but easy to walk on. 50cm thick foam carpet in front of siphon. We climbed over it. (machine translated)

2024-03-20 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Currently clear and beautifully flowing water. Stands tip top. The siphon has to be swum through at the bottom, but no problem. Beautiful canyon, without much difficulty. (machine translated)

2023-07-17 | Patrik Bartel | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed
Very many groups at present, water is turbid even after big break. (machine translated)

2023-07-05 | Wolfgang Streicher | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Water flow somewhat stronger than usual at this time of year. Water relatively fresh. (machine translated)

2023-04-27 | System User | | 📖 | ⚓ | |
Der aktuelle Canyon wurde teilautomatisiert mit Canyon
<https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/FormigaCanyon.html> zusammengeführt.

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | |
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2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | |
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2019-05-08 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed
Not a particularly long canyon, but one that offers a lot of fun. Video of the tour:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tJC1v1RXAA> Pictures & GPS Track: <https://www.christian-balla.de/Formiga>
(machine translated)