Buitreras

Garganta del Guadiaro,Garganta de las Buitreras,Rio Guadiaro

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Andalucía / Andalusia **Subregion:** Málaga **Town:** Gaucin, El Colmenar		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v3 a5 VI	**Total time:** 6h
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 360m	**Altitude exit:** 200m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 1200m	**Highest rapell:** 12m	**Amount rapells:** 5
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (4)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1.5 (2)

Specialities:
Dam (inform operator),

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Spectacular, deeply incised, aquatic great canyon in the Serranía de Ronda southwest of Ronda. The canyon is also known as 'the cathedral of Andalusia's canyons'.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
If possible, enter the canyon when there is no water flow, as the pools are then clear. If the water is flowing, it is dirty and more risky.
Dam in the upper reaches with power station below the canyon.

Access: (machine translated)
From Málaga on the A7 or on the newly built highway AP 7 (Autopista de Mediterraneo - toll) in the direction of Algeciras. If you are driving on the A 7, turn right in San Luis de Sabinillas and drive north on the A 377 to Gaucín. On the way there, after Manilva, you cross the aforementioned AP 7 highway, which you leave at the Gaucín/San Louis de Sabillinas exit and then also head north to Gaucín. After a long descent into the valley and an equally long ascent opposite, you reach the village of Gaucín. Here you turn left in the village to the west on the A 405 towards Algeciras, but soon turn right onto the MA 9300 to El Colmenar. Before reaching El Colmenar, cross the Rio Guadiaro. 300 m after the bridge, a road branches off to the right in the village and is signposted Central Buitreras. Take this road in the direction of the power station (= Central de Buitreras), past plane trees on the right and then eucalyptus trees until just before the gate to the power station. Directly in front of the gate there is a small parking area for about 2-3 cars. Park here.

Approach: (machine translated)
Enter the power station area (legally) through the iron door and walk along the road to the large downpipe. Follow the road uphill until you reach a footpath immediately after the fence around the power station, which you follow to the right. It then leads you along the orographic right bank of the Guadiaro (upstream) and after about 20 minutes you cross a streambed (excess water from the canal leading to the power station is sometimes discharged into the Guadiaro here). Continue along the river, bypassing the first 3 tunnels (the last one with an adjoining gallery) and after crossing a boulder field (about 50 min from the power station), continue down close to the river until you reach the slope, which you follow up to the saddle on faint climbing tracks (1 hour 15 min from the power station). This way we avoid the fourth (long) tunnel. Beyond the saddle, we descend to the railroad track and immediately before the track descend to the right into the river bed.
Just because it is historically interesting, here is the earlier access description (2002) in the form of an individually designed anecdote(pn): 'The access described here is officially forbidden, but at 45 minutes it is the shortest. It leads over the tracks of the Algeciras - Granada railroad line and through four tunnels, the last of which is 800 m long. There is a fine of 505 to 1010 EUR for trespassing on the railroad tracks. However, experience shows that almost everyone - hikers and gorge walkers - do it this way, and it is advisable to go at the weekend as there are no freight trains. The timetables for the trains (at least the passenger trains) can be found on the Internet at www.renfe.es for the Algeciras - Granada line at Gaucín station.from the parking lot by the shed up to the railroad line and on the gravel eastwards towards the canyon. The first tunnels are short and accessible without a flashlight. The last one is 800 m long, straight as a die, but impossible without a torch. The trains do not always announce themselves by horn. In the event of an encounter with a train in the tunnel, you can lie on the ground pressed up against the tunnel wall like a reptile and let the train pass without any problems. However, it is said that the train drivers report their discovery to the Guardia Civil. In such a case, an alternative exit is recommended, which is described below.After three shorter tunnels, you first cross a gallery open to the right and then directly afterwards the fourth 800 m long tunnel. Back in the open, you will see a dilapidated shed further ahead. Shortly before this, you can descend behind the wall next to the track to the canyon (45 min. from the car).immediately after the exit of the fourth canyon, you will see a path on the right that leads downstream to a bridge in the canyon. Here you have an impressive view of the gorge floor and the tour ahead. If you are looking for an alternative access route, you will find several (including a modest shuttle) at http://www.actionman4x4.com/canonesybarrancos/recorridos/guadiaro1.htm.

Tour: (machine translated)
In the canyon, you have to swim long distances past fantastically washed-out pools. Occasionally you have the impression of swimming in a cave. The canyon can only be entered safely if there is little or no water flowing at the first rappel (I read this in a description in 2002). During storms, the tour can become a disaster, as a clamping block in the canyon then forms a dangerous siphon, which can easily be swum through in dry weather. (p.n.)
Ascent Nov. 2002:Even with a stronger water flow (50 x 10 cm in cross-section), an ascent is possible. The water level can only be assessed before the long tunnel, as strong inflows may increase the water level later. The siphon is actually completely problem-free, as the water is practically stagnant there due to the width and depth and you can climb over the jammed stone if you don't want to dive through.6 m rappel is most likely to cause problems, as the water channel narrows to approx. 40-50 cm here (see cross-section above!) and then curves into a narrow chute under a clamping stone. You then have to take a pike jump through the waterfall so that you don't get 'stuck' in the return flow behind the waterfall. we swam out to the E-Werk due to sufficient water flow, but were in the river for around 5 hours, probably also because we got in further upstream. the water was quite dirty, but is clean when there is no water flow.

Return: (machine translated)
After the exit of the canyon, you cross a boulder jam. You then swim through a channel with fresh water (fed by a spring; a rewarding passage). After the exit of the channel, the stream continues flat. Turn right out of the water here and hike out of the canyon on a clearly visible path. Always keep left at junctions along the path and you will return to the downpipes and the starting parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 36.5603 -5.3709
Canyon End 36.5480 -5.3670
Alternative Canyon Start 36.5664 -5.3690
Parking Entry and Exit 36.5396 -5.3786

Reports:

2026-08-23 | Javi Benítez Vergugo | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
The pools are already quite stagnant, and they're starting to smell. Several dead vultures (machine translated)

2025-11-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Low | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Guadiaro Les indications pour l´approche prêtent parfois à confusion. Après 20 minutes, on ne traverse pas le lit de la ruisseau, mais un affluent presque toujours à sec. Le chemin menant au col est clairement visible sur toute sa longueur et est en cours de rénovation dans les passages en montée (novembre 2025). Il est également balisé (de manière sporadique) en rouge et blanc. Depuis le col, plusieurs chemins descendent bien visibles et se rejoignent tous à la fin. Même vers la fin du tunnel ferroviaire, on trouve un sentier bien visible, qui mène au lit de la rivière et donc au point de départ. Les derniers metres de descente vers le lit de la rivière et donc vers le point de départ est assez raide mais faisable. Il est également possible de traverser le Pont des Allemands au niveau du col et de continuer en amont de l'autre côté le long du Caminho de los Puertos jusqu'au Mirador de las Buitreras, puis de descendre vers la rivière. Cela rallonge le trajet de 20 minutes et permet de franchir un autre passage étroit d'environ 200 m.Parcouru seul en deux heures, peu d'eau courante, longues distances à nager dans une eau peu froide. L'équipement laisse à désirer. Au lieu d'investir beaucoup d'argent dans des chaînes et de combiner des plaquettes en inox avec des vis et des maillons galvanisés, il aurait mieux valu installer des amarrages adaptés.Je recommande d'emporter une bonne lampe frontale, ce n'est pas indispensable, mais cela permet de mieux voir dans la partie sombre et de prendre de plus belles photos.Le passage étroit est vraiment époustouflant et vaut absolument le détour, l'ascension est également une superbe randonnée.Je déconseille fortement de traverser les tunnels ferroviaires, car la ligne est bien fréquentée et les trains de marchandises sont particulièrement impressionnants. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21652/observations.html)

2025-11-10 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
The path to the saddle is clearly recognizable throughout and is currently being renovated in the ascent passages (November 2025). It is also marked (albeit sparsely) in red and white. There are also several clear paths down from the saddle, which all join up at the exit. There is even a clearly visible path leading to the exit of the railroad tunnel. The descent from there to the riverbed and thus to the entry point is quite steep but doable. Alternatively, you can cross the Puente de los Alemanes on the saddle and continue upstream on the other side along the Caminho de los Puertos to the Mirador de las Buitreras and descend to the river from there. This extends the approach by 20 minutes and you can climb through another narrow passage of about 200 meters. This is a two-hour walk on your own, with hardly any running water and long swims in water that is not very cold. The equipment leaves a lot to be desired, instead of spending a lot of money on chains and combining stainless steel lugs with galvanized bolts and maillons, it would have been better to use decent anchors. I recommend taking a good headlamp with you, it's not absolutely necessary, but you can see better in the dark part and take better pictures. The narrow passage is really breathtaking and absolutely worth a visit, and the access is also a great hike. I strongly advise against passing through the railroad tunnels, the route is very busy and the freight trains in particular are impressive, the last tunnel is by no means dead straight. (machine translated)

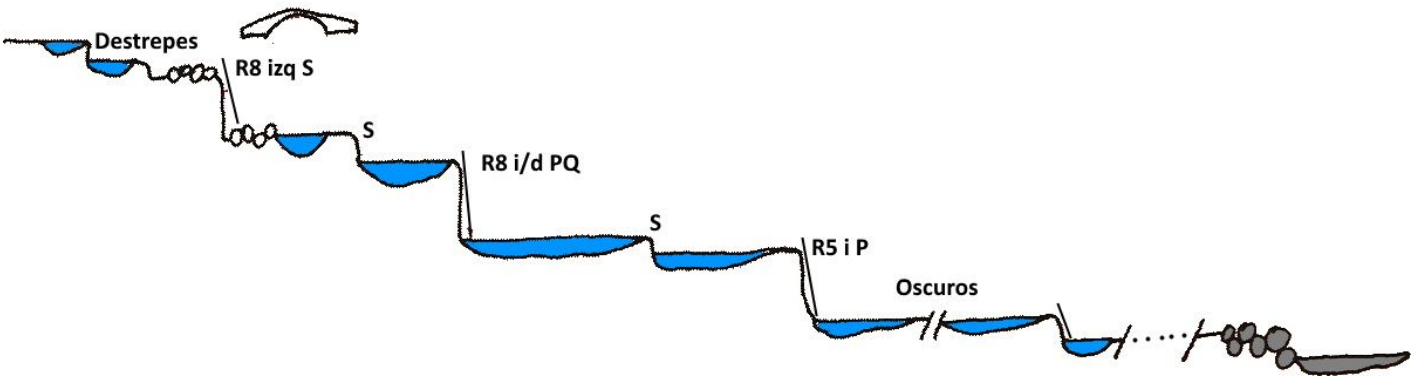
2024-06-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Low | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Guadiaro Eau qui commence à croupir mais reste agréable. beaucoup de groupes pas très discrets. Approche en plein soleil. Beau final. Enchaîné avec cueva del hundidero gato. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21652/observations.html)

2024-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Información: Partes de la descripción del cañón se han importado automáticamente. Concretamente, los campos Ruta GPS, Topografía de https://www.docuwiki.infobarrancos.es/doku.php?id=barrancos:malaga:guadiaro_o_buitreras

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2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21652

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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