Poqueira

Cañón del Río Poqueira,Rio Poqueira,Barranco de Poqueira,Rio Mulhacén

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Andalucía / Andalusia **Subregion:** Granada **Town:** Orgiva		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 IV	**Total time:** 5h15
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 720m	**Altitude exit:** 690m	**Delta Altitude:** 30m
Canyon length: 2300m	**Highest rapell:** 14m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:
Dam (inform operator),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Generally watery canyon with some short rappels and longer runs

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Here is the experience report of a canyonist (written to "actioman 4x4", see link (translation with PONS):

"I am a young man from El Puerto de Santa Maria (Cadiz), somewhat experienced in this matter of canyons. I am writing to tell you that in June 2004 we went to the canyon of Poqueira in the Alpujarra Grenadina, a group of three companions. To tell you that this canyon is quite dangerous, because there you not only have to face the obstacles that nature puts in front of us to gain access to such a beautiful place, but if what happened to us happens to you, you also have to fight against the elements.

After about 5 hours on the river, everything was walking well and fast when we got an unpleasant surprise during the rappel. We heard a big noise and the ground started to vibrate. A large amount of water was coming towards us and the river began to rise excessively. It was only a matter of seconds and it was pulling us fatally downwards. As we could we delayed until luckily a few meters behind us we had two rocks to climb on.
THEY HAD OPENED THE DAM !!!!! according to later information due to a malfunction. Night fell up there on the rocks and once the river calmed down a bit, we continued on until we found a small cave where we could spend the night. The mountain rescue team searched for us all night in the helicopter and in the morning across the river. One of the comrades because of the cold he spent during the night started to have the first symptoms of hypothermia and when morning came after we had given him something to eat, I and another comrade decided to continue in the morning and leave him there in a safe place after the river had already had its normal walk. When the two of us who continued on reached the exit, we met the lieutenant of the Guardia Civil, to whom we gave the exact location of our comrade, whom we had GPS'd, and who was eventually rescued by the Guardia Civil Sereim soldiers.

That is why I ask you to mention on your page that people with little experience do not do this canyon, because in moments like this, if you are not experienced in techniques of survival and mountain rescue, it is easy to lose your nerve and commit imprudence.

Access: (machine translated)
From the city of Granada, head south on the N 323 highway towards the sea. 10 km after Durcal, turn off onto the C 333 to Lanjaron and on to Orgiva, and if you only have 1 car available, drive through the city on the C 333 until you reach a road on the left with the sign 'Colegios Menores'. 5 km further on, this road leads to the hamlet of Cortijo del Granadino. Here the road turns into a dirt road, climbs up the slope in hairpin bends and exits after another 3.5 km in a scattered settlement. From the car parked here, you can reach the entry to the Poqueira in about 2 hours. The exact route can be found in the sketch and, above all, in the 3D views of the 'actionman 4x4' (internet location below) If you have two vehicles, park one at the point described and take the other back to Orgiva. Cross the village on the access route and shortly after Orgiva turn off onto the road to Pampaneira. 10 km from here and 1.4 km after the turn-off to Soportujar, you come to a sharp left-hand bend, where the road then runs in a NNE direction parallel to Poqueira, which is now visible. Park the second vehicle in the bends or just below.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the bend mentioned above, descend a few meters down the steep little road, past houses, until a path branches off to the left, which descends steadily in a north-easterly direction. After about a quarter of an hour, the path exits and you now have to find the best way down the steep terrain to the Poqueira riverbed. See also http://canyoning.wroclaw.pl/kanion.php?id=81

Tour: (machine translated)
The Poqueira is particularly scenic and would also be suitable for beginners if there is little water. As the water flow increases, the difficulty and duration increase disproportionately, as does the potential danger. Harmless mini pools become dangerous eddies. See photo no. 21 in the photo gallery and here is the experience report of the person concerned: "Soon another cascade. The water flows through a narrow, S-shaped chute and then plunges thunderously into a pool. There is a height difference of about 7 meters, but the watercourse and the pool cannot be seen from above. I tackle it immediately with a lot of confidence. I straddle the watercourse and reach a horizontal point where I discover an anchor on the wall to the left. "Should I use it???" - There I go! The water sweeps me away with full force and throws me into a circular, deep pool. At first it looks harmless, but then it turns out to be the worst kind of eddy. I simply don't manage to reach the outflow that will save me: Waterfall - current - just past the outflow - back to the waterfall and pushed hard under water there. Second round ... Pulled up a bit on the rope, gasped for air, the much too long rope wrapped itself around my legs ... Round 3 ... ... Round 20! My strength is dwindling! No call connection upwards in the noise of the roaring water! I shout "Kehrwasser" as loud as I can again and again. Finally, I scream for help with all my might. Then I manage to reach the edge of the pool after all and with it, the drain that will save me. I let the jet of water wash me through the chute and out into freedom."

Added to this is the threat from the barrage above, which is not just hypothetical, as the 'experience report' at 'actionman 4x4' shows (see above under hydrology). Contacting the 'Central Electrica del Duque' beforehand would not have helped here either.

Return: (machine translated)
Immediately before the water flows out of the power station, turn left and follow the path on the right bank to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 36.9279 -3.3727
Canyon End 36.9129 -3.3696
Parking at Entry 36.9221 -3.3797
Parking at Exit 36.9098 -3.3686

Reports:

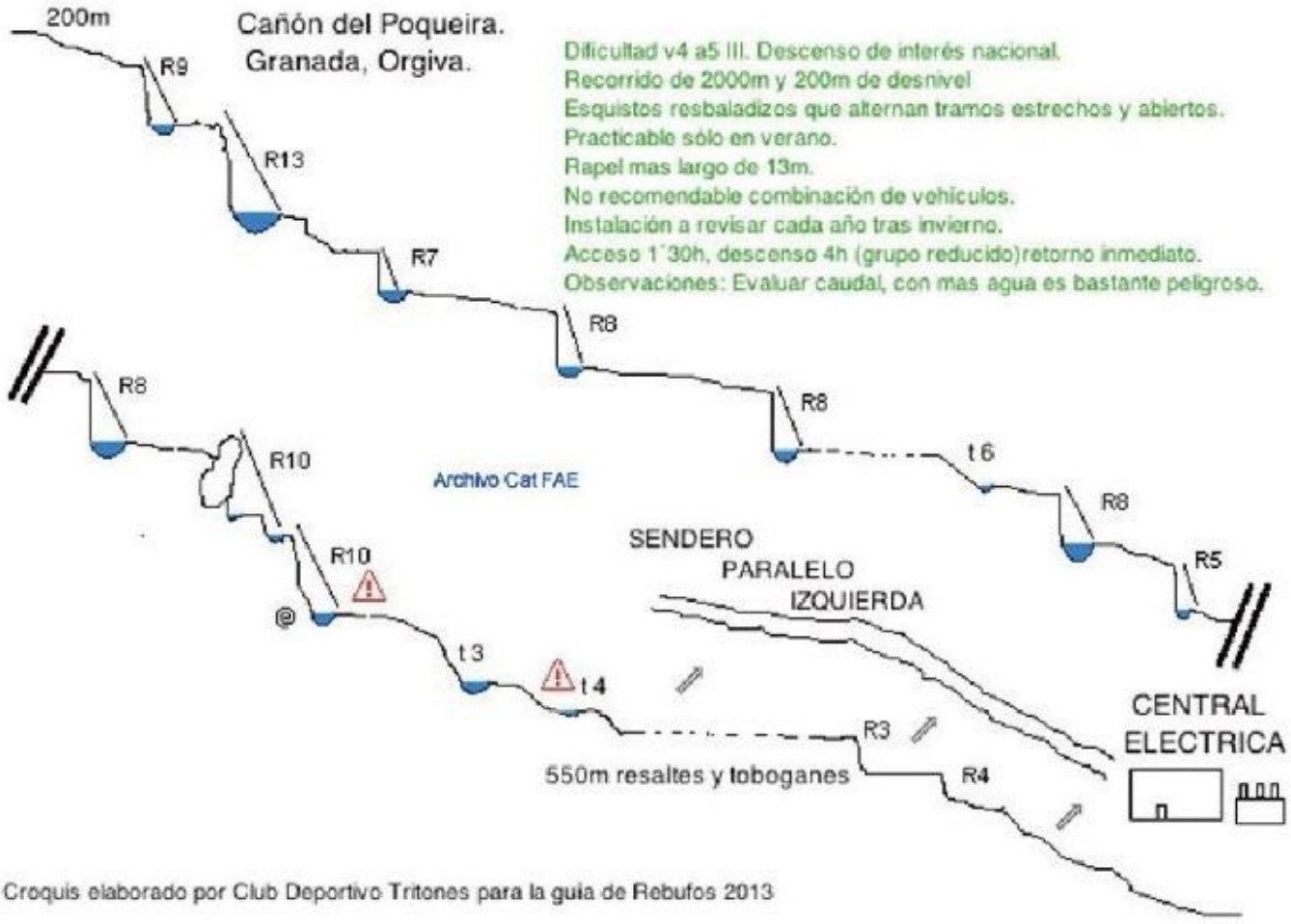
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