Mascun (Superior)

Barranco Mascun superior,Rio Mascun

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Aragón **Subregion:** Huesca **Town:** Rodellar		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a4 III	**Total time:** 7h45
Approachtime: 2h15	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 1h30
Altitude entry: 1010m	**Altitude exit:** 900m	**Delta Altitude:** 110m
Canyon length: 5000m	**Highest rapell:** 18m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (15)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (14)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Scenic and varied rappel canyon with impressive ambience and fun potential. One of the most beautiful canyons not only of the region.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
On the N-240 from Lleida or on the A-138 from France through debn tunnel from Bielsa via Ainsa to Barbastro. On the ring road around the city and continue on the N-240 towards Huesca. About 22 km after Barbastro we turn right on the A-1229. Via Abiego and Bierge (turn left after Abiego) we arrive at Rodellar (about 30 km from the turnoff from the N-240).

Approach: (machine translated)
In Rodellar, follow the signs to Barranco Mascun. We come down to the stream, cross it and come to the spring on the right (orographic left) side. Continue northwards, passing the Bco Fornocal de Andrebot, where you climb up to the left towards Barrasil and Gorgas Negras and then, after a long stretch on the orographic left bank, you come to the point where the path crosses the stream to go up the other side towards Otin (La Costera path). We reach the plateau, may be able to see vultures sitting on the rocky ledges above the canyon and look down into the abode of the wizards (Moorish Maskhun). With a bit of luck, the snow-covered peaks of the main Pyrenean ridge will loom on the horizon behind you. The path walks between stone walls at times and we come to 2 large oak trees. The path now descends and crosses a dry gully. Down this to the right we would come to the entry of the Bco. Otin.
However, we cross the chute and pass the abandoned village of Otin to the east of it. We cross 2 rivulets and then turn left past a detached house. We are now on a field path, on the right we see a spring with a pump ("untreated water"). The path climbs slightly, we cross a ridge and pass the junction of a path that would lead to the entry to the Raisin or the Fajas del Mascun. The path now climbs slightly in sparse forest to a flat saddle. A few meters before this saddle, tracks turn off to the right (waypoint !) which lead in an easterly direction directly to the entry to the Mascun Superior. See optimal track https://de.wikiloc.com/routen-canyoning/mascun-superior-217346694
In the past, the entry was approached in a relatively wide arc, see:
http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=11111554 (earlier access)

Alternatively, there is another access from Rodellar on the orographic left side, which can cause problems finding the way, see: http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=10149393 (access via the orographic left side)
see also mapa general de Mascun: *
http://picasaweb.google.com/105038661946921389681/MapasZonaAlcanadreGuara?gsessionid=IYZjdOTHsWwApXi9qMRzE
and: * http://canyoning-guides.blogspot.de/search/label/Barranco%2520Mascun

Tour: (machine translated)
The entry into the Saltadero de las Lañas is usually made with a jump (7m). After another jump (1.5m), there is an 18m dry abseil onto a ledge, from which you can jump another 3m.
If the access is overcrowded (especially at weekends), you can rappel 33m in one go from the rocky outcrop on the front left, provided you have a 35m rope with you.
A third option is to continue a little further along the left edge through the bushes (max. 30 m) and then abseil down to the right through a short chute onto a cone of earth (approx. 10 m).
Now follow the Cascadas de Peña Guara, which - as already mentioned - can be bypassed on the left.
The 7m rappel at the beginning is jumpable - the jump is slippery! The 7m abseil at the start is jumpable - jump off slippery!
This is followed by a longer run, with the Bco. Raisin comes in from the right.
A few more ramps that we can run or jump down in the sintered streambed, then we enter a narrow section that leads us through a high and impressive passage grotto ("Sala").
This is followed by the "Oscuros de Otin" with a series of further rappels (caution: on the first one: soapstone, so the stand is slippery), including a small jump into the "Pozo Negro", the black pot. Finally, a longer rappel over a sintered tree trunk brings us back to the light, a last jump (approx. 5m) then we swim out of the dark area.
Smaller steps follow, then the last rappel at the pot into which the water falls in a rappel divided by the rock (caution: not jumpable - already several serious accidents here).
This is followed by the Mascun inferior (see description there if necessary). From the left, the Bco. os Fornazos comes down over a rock face, then after a "boulevard" and a large rock pillar on the right, the path from Otin through the Canal d'o Turno. Now normally take the path on the right out of the streambed to Bco. Otin, but you can also stay in the streambed - Fornocal d'Otin in the "Gran Circo". I would like to point out the situation with the large pool, which is almost completely closed off by a rock. Although there is light shining through, it is better not to dive through it, but to dive through the gap on the left above ground. When I tried to dive through, I almost got stuck between the rock and the ground and came out on the other side, but in quite a panic.
This is followed by the karst spring below the last fall of the Bco. Otin and then we walk and climb out until we meet the (access) path that comes down from the village of Otin and crosses the streambed.

Return: (machine translated)
Here we get off on the left bank and march back to Rodellar the way we came about 6 to 7 hours before.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.3316 -0.0579
Canyon End 42.3192 -0.0627
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2822 -0.0776
Waypoint 42.3309 -0.0653

Reports:

2026-10-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn très belle descente automnale, eau claire, seul dans le canyon, vraiment un moment privilégié !! on met la cagoule pour le premier saut (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-10-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Grâce aux pluies précédentes, on a eu un débit correct, pas de vasque croupie ! Fait en 3h30 à 4 (juste la descente) Magnifique canyon :) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-07-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn De l'eau uniquement dans les vasques - suivre les panneaux Otin pour la marche d'approche permettant une montée progressive - marche de retour interminable et sous une chaleur écrasante. Beau quand même mais sortie très endurante (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-22 | Marosffy Dániel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
No flow at the moment, but the pools are still inviting. I missed the full wetsuite only in the cave-like final part.

2026-06-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Petit débit dans la partie supérieur, petit filet d’eau au niveaux des oscuros puis de plus en plus a sec juste dans la partie inférieure totalement à sec. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Toujours très sympa mais il faut en profiter très vite, car le niveau est bas. Plus d'eau dans le chaos final (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Petit filet d’eau au départ du Mascun. Une descente magnifique avec quelques serpents dans les vasques. Équipement RASMascun inférieur sans eau ... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Une belle journée tout seul dans le Canyon.Il reste un tout petit filet d’eau, il commence à y avoir des têtards dans les vasques, mais toujours limpide (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

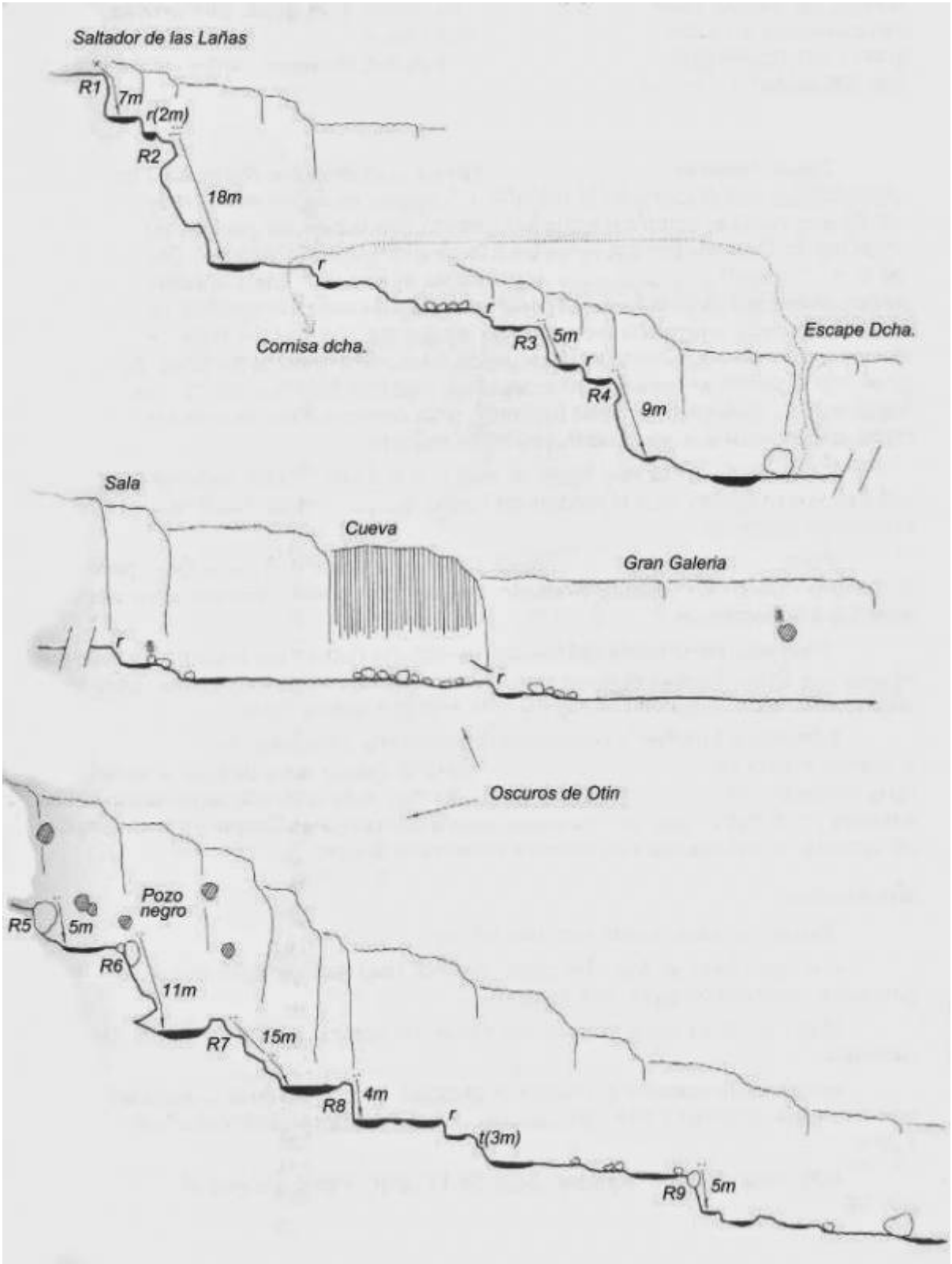
2026-06-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn Still enough water to make it intresting. All the jumps are still possible (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-06-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn DC - mais suffisant pour l'apprécier (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20800/observations.html)

2026-05-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Mascùn DC- mais suffisant : ça arrose encore, les sauts passent et les vasques sont remplies, mais peut-être plus pour longtemps s'il ne pleut pas, après le

Parts:
Mascun (Superior), v4 a4 III, 2h15+4h+1h30
Mascun Ultimos Estrechos, v2 a3 II, 15min+2h+10min
Mascun (Inferior), v1 a2 II, 30min+6h+35min



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