Barranco de Mátalo

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Valenciana, Comunidad / Comunitat Valenciana **Subregion:** Valencia
Town:

Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 II	**Total time:** 4h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport:	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: January - December	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
This is one of the few descents located in the wild and remote Bicorp and Caroig massif. We find a dry ravine, torrential regime, which can carry water during the wet seasons in especially rainy years. Formed in favor of the tabular landscape characteristic of the muela de Cortes, it is one of the tributaries that feeds the Rambla de la Molinera, better known downstream as the Fraile River. The descent, which can be divided into two distinct parts, makes its way between rocks, alternating shelters and overhangs that we will save by means of aerial rappels of medium size (up to 20 meters). Although its technical difficulties are not very remarkable, the remarkable development and unevenness of this ravine, its location and its return will occupy us almost the whole day when we approach it in its entirety.
Two forest tracks divide the descent into three sections. The first, from the head to the first track, is short and of great continuity, with a total of 8 rappels. The second section is a transition zone that goes from the first track to the second, which begins at the height of a large solar panel. The third, with three rappels, begins in this second track and ends at the confluence with the rambla de la molinera, although we will leave before, at the height of a retaining dike.
This is a different way of getting to know this area of the Valencian community, with the Caroig Peak dominating our views throughout the activity.

Hydrology:

Access:

Approach:

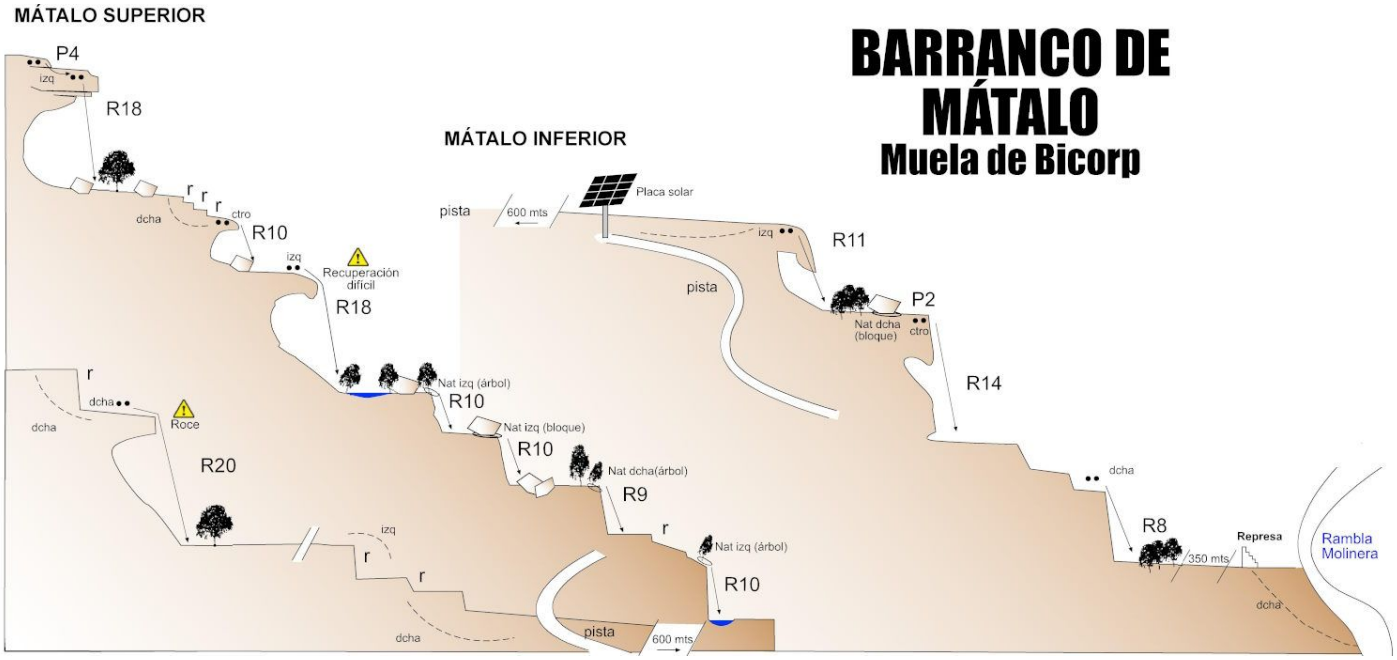
Tour: (machine translated)
The descent begins at a large limestone slab where there is an old information sign on the left. Here, we will look to the left side for some facilities that serve as access handrails to reach the head of the first R18. This first rappel is totally aerial and leaves us at the foot of a deep shelter. We will continue dodging a series of staggered ledges until we reach R10. Shortly after we arrive at the next R18 where we will find the facilities located on the inclined bed of the wadi. This rappel has a difficult recovery if done right from the base, so it is best to recover from far away, on the other side of the badina. We will continue with R10 (left tree) and another R10 that we will overcome with a natural to a block on the ground. Through a tree on the right, we will overcome the next R9 and through another tree on the left we will descend the next R10. The next difficulty is a R20 that should be protected with an anti-rocce. It has a small cave hanging at mid-height with some curious formations (visitable with care following the ledge). This rappel is the last of the upper section. Then continue until you reach a forest track that crosses the ravine. Between this forest track and the next one where the solar panel is, we will not find technical difficulties. It is about 600 meters of riverbed through which we progress relatively well. The vegetation does not get to hinder the advance excessively, except at some point. After a section where the riverbed becomes narrow, we will arrive at the solar plate where a forest track begins that is quite abandoned, but that later connects with another one that is still passable with vehicles. We will follow the track and later, we will return to look for the riverbed where we will find the last three rappels that make up the Mátalo Inferior. The first R11 we will descend through some facilities on the left bank, with a comfortable exit at the beginning, but then makes an overhang. Then, we will cross a zone of abundant vegetation and immediately we will meet with the R14. A tape in a block will allow us to reach the head of the route safely. Finally we will arrive at the last R8 with a more canyon-like morphology that ends the sporty part of the descent.
After the last rappel, we will continue walking along the riverbed (about 350 meters) until we reach a dam that acts as a flood barrier. We will climb it and go down the stepped buttresses of the back part.

Return:

Coordinates:

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