

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: km ² |
| Season: | Orientation: South | Best Time: |
| Rating: ★ 4.4 (6) | Info: ★ 3 (3) | Belay: ★ 3 (5) |
| 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 source on the right (orographic. left). Continuing north, we pass the Bco Fornocal de Andrebot, where we go up on the left towards Barrasil and Gorgas Negras and then, after a long stretch on the orographic left bank, we come to the place where the path crosses the stream to go up beyond towards Otin (La Costera path). We reach the plateau, possibly see vultures perched on the rocky ledges above the canyon and look down into the abode of the sorcerers (Moorish Maskhun). If you are lucky, the snow-capped peaks of the main Pyrenean ridge loom on the horizon beyond. The path walks at times between stone walls and we come to 2 large oak trees. The path now descends and crosses a dry gully. At this right down 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 the same. 2 rivulets are crossed then we pass a detached house on the left. We are now on a dirt road, on the right we see a spring catchment with pump ("water untreated"). 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 to the Fajas del Mascun. In the light forest, the path goes slightly uphill to a flat saddle. A few meters before this saddle, there are tracks on the right that lead in an easterly direction directly to the entry to the Mascun Superior. In the past the entry was made in a relatively wide arc, see: http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=11111554 (former access) http://www.wikiloc.com/wikiloc/view.do?id=5047938 (current shorter access) Alternatively, there is an access from Rodellar on the orographic left side, which can cause problems in 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=IYZjdOTHsWwApX19qMRzE and: * http://canyoning-guides.blogspot.de/search/label/Barranco%2520Mascun | | |

Tour: (machine translated)

The entry to the Saltadero de las Lañas is usually done with a jump (7m). After another jump (1.5 m) there is an 18 m dry rappel to a band from which you can jump 3 m again.

If the access is overcrowded (especially on weekends), you can rappel 33m at a time from the rocky outcrop on the left, if you have a 35m rope with you.

A third possibility is to continue along the left edge through the bushes (max. 30m) and then to rope down a short chute to the right onto a cone of earth (approx. 10m).

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 - rappel slippery! - but far ahead over the ramp at the base of the waterfall and quite close to the left wall of the gully.

A longer run follows, from the right comes the Bco. Raisin enters.

A few more ramps to run or jump in the sintered streambed, then we enter a narrow passage that leads us through a high and impressive passage grotto ("Sala").

The "Oscuros de Otin" follow with a series of other rappels (caution: the first one: soapstone, so the stance 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 (about 5m) then we swim out of the dark area. Smaller steps follow, then the last rappel at the pot, where the water falls down in a jet divided by the rock (Attention: Not jumpable - already several serious accidents here).

Now the Mascun inferior follows (see the description there if necessary). From the left the Bco. os Fornazos comes down over a rock wall, then after a "boulevard" and a big rock column on the right the path from Otin through the Canal d'o Turno. Now you usually go right out of the streambed the path to Bco. Otin, but can also stay in the streambed - Fornocal d'Otin in the "Gran Circo". I want to point out the situation with the large pool, which is almost completely closed by a rock. Although light shines through, better not dive through, but left above ground through the gap. I had myself to a Durchtauchversuch almost stuck between rock and soil and came out beyond still, 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) trail 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](#)

Reports:

2024-03-17 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 📍★★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

Currently very good water level, but not for beginners, as there are currently a few backflows. No comparison to the usual pictures here. Top canyon, with very beautiful scenics. Also very interesting for climbers. All jumps are doable. (machine translated)

2023-07-18 | Patrik Bartel | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Incredibly beautiful canyon, unfortunately 2 super lame groups in front of us, which did not let us 2 pass... (machine translated)

2023-07-03 | Wolfgang Streicher | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 📍★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Approached via shortcut, apparently still relatively rarely used.No waiting time at the entrance, partly quite slippery due to suspended sediment. In the area of the "Oscuros" roped down through "windows". Some effort to bring the backpacks down here. (machine translated)

2023-04-08 | Alex Arnold | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Installations good. Running you have to like :) Without rain, this will be a dry thing in 1-2 months. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 | |

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2019-05-01 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 📍★★★★ | | 🟢 Completed

A breathtaking canyon. And it's not just the canyon that's great: even the access is very worthwhile! Photos: <https://www.christian-balla.de/Mascun> Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yd0lITVgY7s> (machine translated)

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