



MARTÍN'S RIVER CANYONS

Classification: Crossing

Time: Obón-Cañada de Marco 3 hours.

Cañada de Marco-Alcaine (village center) 1 hour.

Total: 4 hours.

Difference in level: 120 m.

Difficulty: Medium. Path parallels the canyons and straits of the river. You must cross several times. Caution along rock passages. Craggy areas.



Aparcamiento	Puente	Espeología/ Cuevas
Casillas de Piedra	Fuente	Poblado íbero
Pico	Lavadero	Pinturas Rupestres
Ermita	Molino	Huellas de dinosaurio
Corral, Masía	Barranquismo	Necrópolis-Tumbas
Merendero	Escalada	Mirador/ Vista panorámica

OBÓN-CAÑADA DE MARCO IN ALCAINE

From Obón, we will cross the Martín river along the bridge, in the direction of Esterciel-Torre de las Arcas. We will follow a trail to the hotel, approximately where the path starts. This will take us above the Martín river canyons, and under the village to the Regallo ravine. At the confluence, where the ravine meets the Martín river, we will probably have to cross the river twice to reach the shelter with the Coquinera rock paintings. These are also fenced in; access to the paintings is available only to those with permission, or who are traveling with authorized guides.

We will cross the river again at the mouth of the Gabache ravine, on the left side of the Martín river, at the border of the villages of Obón and Alcaine. We will take a short hill-route up, to avoid the narrow channels of the Martín river. The path goes along the left bank of the Martín to the Benicozar mountain and the Cañada de Marco straits. We will use springs and other surface indications at the foot of the Benicozar mountain to guide us. The Cañada de Marco rock paintings, on the right bank of the river, can be reached via a footbridge.

CAÑADA DE MARCO-ALCAINE

The Benicozar mountain (848 m.) and the Guardias hill (894 m.) mark a trail known as "Cañamarco," or Cañada de Marco along the Martín river. There, a shelter with rock paintings can be found and the Martín river returns to the surface through the Benicozar springs. The paintings can be seen clearly from the protection fence, making the climb to the shelter worthwhile.

Along the Cañada de Marco, a path intersection can be found, offering visitors coming from Obón different options: crossing the river to see the rock paintings on the right side; or continuing on the left side to Alcaine, which features astonishing crests at the intersection of the Martín and Radón rivers. When climbing to Cañada de Marco, it is advisable to take it easy.

Any marked path in the Park will allow visitors to access places of great ecological and environmental value and to see a number of rock paintings - World Heritage sites protected by law.

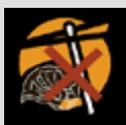
Please remember that everyone has not only the right to enjoy nature but also the obligation to preserve it.



The shelters with rock paintings and archeological sites feature a protection fence. Authorized guides are required for visits. Contact phone numbers can be found in the town halls, tourist offices or interpretation centers of the villages which constitute the Cultural Park.



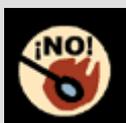
Please contribute to the preservation of rock paintings. Don't touch or throw water on them and respect the protection fences. Please remember, they are part of the unique but frail heritage of the past; we have to protect them if we want to continue to enjoy them in the same environment in which they were created thousands of years ago.



Archeological and/or palaeontologic prospecting and excavation without the necessary permits is strictly prohibited, according to law 3/1999 of the Aragonese Cultural Heritage. Please contribute to the preservation of the historical, cultural and ethnographic heritage of the Park.



Please keep the place clean. Do not discard any garbage or waste material.



Please remember that lighting fires, throwing away cigarette butts and glass or any other objects that can cause fire is prohibited.



Please respect the environment. Do not uproot plants, do not dirty the water, and do not bother or attempt to capture any of the birds and animals. Many of them nest here.



If you intend to follow one of the routes, please remember to wear comfortable footwear (trainers or hiking boots). Although the trails are quite accessible, appropriate footwear will allow you to walk more confidently, avoiding falls and sprains.



Please bear in mind you are in a natural park and, although the routes have been adapted for visitors, do not forget to take precautions. Do not leave the marked path and pay attention when crossing areas with rocks or water, especially if traveling with children.