



## CHORNAS AND EL CERRAO

**Classification:** Excursion.

**Time:** 3 hours. (roundtrip)

**Difference in level:** 90 m.

**Difficulty:** Easy. Caution in crossing the river. Do not take this route if the river has risen.

**Landscape interest:** Canyons of the Martín river, rock paintings, birds of prey.



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

The route starts from Obón, follows through the canyons at the top of the Martín river, to the Hocino de Chornas and Cerrao area, and there rock paintings are featured.

A narrow path opens on the left side of the road. Before going up to the village, we will cross the cemetery on our left. Soon after, we will get to a lookout on the Martín river, where the Cabra river flows into it. From this point, the track descends to the bed of the Martín river, where it turns into a path.

Once we reach the riverbed, we will follow the left side of the Martín river upwards. We will cross the river twice, until we reach the Batán spring, where the Obón Cultural Association and community set up a comfortable welcome point. There, we can rest under the shade of the poplars and rock clusters channeling the river.

Continuing on the left side, we will follow the path upwards, to another cluster of rocks and to the opening of a ravine. At the top are fenced cavities-the Hocino de Chornas-and rock paintings. We will climb a winding path to the rock passage. An iron staircase anchored to the rock will lead us to the cavities. The protection fences prevent unauthorized access, and make it difficult to detect the black-colored paintings from the outside. Continuing on the same path, we will reach another ravine in 10 minutes time. Here, we will explore the Cerrao shelter, which also features rock paintings. These paintings, mostly of archers, can be clearly identified from the fence.

From Cerrao, the same track takes us back to Obón.

### **How to get there?**

Go from Zaragoza to Muniesa on A-222. Take the junction towards Alcaine and Obón on TE-V-1145 when near Cortes de Aragón.

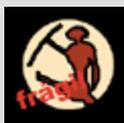
From Montalbán, on A-222, passing through Hoz de la Vieja, you will get to Cortes de Aragón. From there, take the junction indicated in direction of Alcaine and Obón.

**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.



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.