Good Practices for Canyoning

Paratge Natural de la Serra de Tramuntana

MAP OF USES

Public use map:

• Learning ahead of time about the natural and cultural heritage that you will be seeing here is the best way to learn to respect and value it.

• Conservation is a team effort. Please notify autoritzacions@dg.mambie.caib.es of any irregular incidents that you see or detect.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

To request authorisation for activities: autoritzacions@dg.mambie.caib.es

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Emergencies: 112

• List of prohibited streams
• The chytridiomycosis protocol
The Serra de Tramuntana Nature Area is the largest protected area of the Balearic Islands. Having received its protected status in 2007, this area is regulated by its own Natural Resources Management Plan (Decree 19/2007, of 16 March, which approved the NRMP), which has divided the space into different zones (exclusion, limited use, compatible use and general use) and determines the specific uses that are permitted, authorizable and prohibited in each one. This management plan promotes nature-friendly activities that do not generate noise or lead people off the established roads and trails.

In keeping with the Serra de Tramuntana NRMP, canyoning and other high-risk activities require prior authorisation from the regional ministry that oversees the environment. Such permits allow the activity to be carried out anywhere in the Nature Area except for the exclusion zones (marked in red on the map), where they are strictly prohibited.

Rules for respectful canyoning
The authorisation sets forth a number of rules that must be complied with, along with the limitations of public use in the streambeds for conservation purposes (restricted access due to bird nesting, infection prevention protocols regarding the Mallorcan midwife toads). Please use the following link* (QR) to consult the list of prohibited streams (authorisation may be obtained for the use of all others).
- To prevent the propagation of certain germs that might damage protected species, you are required to clean all material thoroughly before making a new descent down to another stream. Please use the following link** to consult the chytridiomycosis protocol.
- When accessing the streams, please remain on the established roads and trails at all times. It is prohibited to stray from the established trails or to circulate in the exclusion zones.
- It is prohibited to use paint to mark the sites where the activity will be taking place.
- Do not shout or make noise.
- The installation of any equipment (including replacement equipment) in the streams requires prior authorisation.
- All signposting elements and the other public property installed here must be cared for.

Rules to minimise impact on the environment
- Do not leave behind any sort of waste (including organic waste, as it often takes a great deal of time to break down, leading to a visual impact on the environment).
- Do not pull up plants or disturb the wildlife and do not alter the geological and heritage elements.
- Close all gates to the estates as you go through them, to prevent the loss of livestock.

Rules for safety
- Always be sure that all the participants in the activity have the necessary know-how and experience, as well as the specific technical training to practice canyoning.
- All participants must have the necessary prevention and safety equipment. Similarly, all participants must be carrying their canyoning federation membership card or a private insurance policy that will cover them when engaging in this activity.
- Inform an outside person of where you will be engaging in the activity.
- Be sure to bring along sufficient water.
- Carry a telephone and be sure that the battery is sufficiently charged.

Always go in small groups and practice this activity methodically. Be careful not to alter the environment. Photo by Pixabay.