Gaisalmklamm

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Tirol **Subregion:** Bezirk Schwaz **Town:** Achensee		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 6h
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 1h
Altitude entry: 1530m	**Altitude exit:** 930m	**Delta Altitude:** 600m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 0.75km²
Season: June - September	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.9 (3)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2 x 60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Alpine canyon with high abseiling points and beautiful views over Lake Achensee.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Generally little water. Can be walked well during/after rainfall.

Access: (machine translated)
The best place to park is on the north side of Lake Achensee, at the Achenkirch hiking parking lot (47.500, 11.702)

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, follow the signs to the Koglalm (45 min). From there, follow a difficult to recognize path up the ridge (at the beginning still a forest path, thinning out more and more). As soon as you reach flatter and more open terrain (approx. 1600 meters altitude), traverse southwards. If you stay at about this altitude, you will find a small "side gorge" that leads into the Gaisalmklamm (with a lot of scrambling and danger of falling rocks!). The better alternative is to climb another 100 - 200 m further up (at the upper exit of the mountain pines) and then enter from above via the scree slope.

Tour: (machine translated)
Many high abseils and beautiful views. The canyon starts very open, but becomes quite incised towards the exit, although it is never extremely narrow. Brittle limestone with old anchors (two new anchors set in 2020, 2024, but take a drill // emergency drill set with you). Some places have to be downclimbed. Alternatively, many anchors are still missing to rappel these places.

Return: (machine translated)
A quick dip in the Achensee, then either take the ferry to Scholastika (€9 per trip, 06/24) or take the Mariensteig back north.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.4770 11.6910
Canyon End 47.4760 11.7000
Parking Entry and Exit 47.5000 11.7020

Reports:

2024-06-23 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Definitely climb higher! (as described, you come cross-country through mountain pines, side arm at risk of falling and falling rocks, access was longer for us than the canyon itself) Great high rappel with a view of the lake! Ideal after rain. Newly drilled 2x. (machine translated)

2022-10-30 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Exciting access, old anchors (machine translated)

2020-10-04 | Montie | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Great fun for those that like alpine canyons with high rappels! The ascent and the way back take some effort though. Anchors (usually old single bolts) were in pretty bad shape when we were there in 2020 and in 2019.