

Altersbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria Region: Salzburg Subregion: Bezirk Salzburg-Umgebung Town: Oberburgau		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a2 III	Total time: 4h
Approachtime: 50min	Tourtime: 3h	Returndate: 10min
Altitude entry: 850m	Altitude exit: 570m	Delta Altitude: 280m
Canyon length: 1200m	Highest rappel: 50m	Amount rappels: 16
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: limestone	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: North	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.8 (17)	Info: ★ 2.8 (13)	Belay: ★ 2 (16)

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x50m

Summary:

Very beautiful rappel canyon with 2 high abseiling points of approx. 50m; very beautiful panorama; swimming possibility at the Mondsee after the tour; only recommended with small groups and sufficient abseiling experience; exit/entry possible in the middle section; limestone.

Hydrology:

Access:

approx. 15min

From Mondsee take the main road (Romantikstraße) in the direction of St. Gilgen. After the village of Scharfling, turn left towards Unterach. After the tunnel, there is limited parking on the right next to the road or gravel parking in the forest.

Approach:

approx. 50min

From the parking lot, follow the hiking trail signposted Eisenau --> you will soon reach the final abseil (check water level) --> continue uphill and cross the stream after approx. 15min (exit/entry point) --> continue uphill here, past the water fountain and a wooden hut to reach the forest road with a fork --> follow the forest road to the right --> at the point where the forest road makes a slight left bend, leave it to the right and continue downhill along the inconspicuous forest path to the stream.

Tour:

approx. 3h

After a short stretch in the streambed comes a dilapidated wooden bridge --> then follows a short narrow section with small washouts --> after a short stretch with downclimb passages the canyon opens --> here you have a beautiful view of Lake Mondsee --> over well placed belays it goes over 3. downclimbs from 5m to 20m to the first large 50m waterfall --> to get to the exposed belay on the right should be built for safety's sake a removable rope traverse! --> The 50m abseil is only up to the sharp edge in the water, after that you are in the overhang --> Alternatively you can abseil to the left outside the waterfall (intermediate level after approx. 20m+30m) --> after the beautiful 50m-waterfall the next steps on the left can be bypassed --> after that there are short rappels which are mostly bypassed --> after further short mostly unproblematic rappels one crosses the hiking trail which one went up before (exit possibility) --> after the hiking trail there are five approx. 20m rappelling routes which follow each other shortly (downclimbing not advisable because mostly very slippery) --> to get to the exposed and mostly very slippery belaystation of the 50m final waterfall a removable rope traverse should be installed again --> the rappelling route looks from above mostly more spectacular than it is, because at the beginning of the rappelling routes you are again briefly in the water flow. (Alternatively, this abseil point can also be divided approx. 20m+30m).

Return:

approx. 10min

At the bottom follow the trail on the left back to the parking lot.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [47.7915 13.4315](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [47.7994 13.4228](#)

Canyon End [47.7977 13.4264](#)

Reports:

2025-06-30 | Der Insel Affe | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★ | ⚡ Low | 🌟 Completed

Stands all in order. Some slightly bent hooks but nothing serious. Now super grippy although every pool is completely blocked. (machine translated)

2025-06-27 | Edlinger Sepp | ☰ | ⚓ | ⚡ Low | 🌟 Completed

Canyon has only been provisionally rehabilitated by me after extreme flooding. Partly only one bolt as a stand - not recommended for guiding or groups! The canyon is practically wood-free, very much gravel and rockfall endangered! (machine translated)

2025-06-20 | David Mason | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★ | ⚡ Low | 🚫 Not done

Canyon has had a serious flood. Unsure of conditions of anchors. Recommend to take equipment for re-equipping, or wait until the canyon is checked.

2025-04-27 | JoeMo | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Great canyon. Some of the stands/drill hooks are a little loose, but all in all it's still passable without any problems. There is a lot of wood in the water, especially in the lower section. (machine translated)

2025-04-21 | Kevin Sindberg | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Some clogging has occurred over the winter, but nothing dramatic. The anchor on the C50 is a little rusty, but is still holding. (machine translated)

2024-10-05 | Max H. | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Always beautiful and usually still easy to walk when the water level in the area is high. The prohibition signs at the passage next to the hotel are new. Everything was fine in the canyon (we only hiked the upper part) (machine translated)

2024-07-01 | Jason Walker | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚡ Low | 🌟 Completed

Anchors, pretty good for around here. A few single hangers and a few interesting old pieces of bent rio-bar glued in! Easy walk up, stunning views, but the abseils are slippery as and not even one could be jumped.

2024-06-25 | Fimbi | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚡ Low | 🌟 Completed

Low water level, after rappel no. 5 there is a large rock in the pool. If someone wants to jump here, extreme caution is advised. Hooks are all slightly rusty. At the upper 50m rappel, the "sharp edge" is not in the water, but orographically to the left in the dry. No problem when pulling off, but next time I would take a rope protector with me, as the knot was easily damaged on the sheath when pulling off. At the lower 50m rappel there is an intermediate stand in the water. Anchors are bent or were not used by me. At rappel no. 16 there is an obstruction, with an anchor on the left side, see photo. (machine translated)

2024-05-20 | Isabella Rosenau | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★★ | ⚡ Low | 🌟 Completed

Everything tiptop (machine translated)

2024-04-28 | Joey CIA | ★★★★ | ☰ | ⚓ ★ | ⚡ High | 🌟 Completed

Due to the melting snow, the water level was higher than normal, or rather path slightly higher during our descent. So it was a great spring water level for us which posed no problems. Stands ok, some could be renewed. All in all, a great tour with superiore views of the Mondsee. (machine translated)

2024-03-31 | Horst Lambauer | ★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

All stands are ok so far. On the first part of the way up there are still trees and at the top where you leave the forest road there is still a massive wind throw that makes the path difficult to recognize. (machine translated)

2024-03-02 | Rok | ★★★★ | ☰ ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

The access is still not easy to find due to the bent trees (but ok). It is important that you do not continue up the forest road, which is relatively at the exit from the access, but climb over the tree trunks or go through at the bottom. Then you come back to the path just before the entry. Everything is ok in the stream. Some stands could do with a little renovation, but still ok. (machine translated)

2023-12-30 | Wolfgang | ★★★ | ☰ | ⚓ ★★★ | ⚡ Normal | 🌟 Completed

The access path is difficult to find due to fallen trees in the last 5 minutes, hopefully there will soon be a path down to the stream again. Otherwise everything is OK; there is no new "wood" in the gorge itself (machine translated)

Parts:

Alpenrosenklamm, v2 a2 II, 5min+2h15+5min

Altersbach, v5 a2 III, 50min+3h+10min

Neuer Canyon123, v3 a7 I, 10min+1h+10min

Topo aus dem Jahr 1999 erstellt von Peter Sykora