Lunglgrabenbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Steiermark **Subregion:** Bezirk Liezen **Town:** Wörschach		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 III	**Total time:** 4h30
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 1130m	**Altitude exit:** 900m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50

Summary: (machine translated)
A nice stream that should be walked especially in spring (snowmelt) or after a wet period in summer. The stream is very open and has an extremely alpine character, but is geologically highly interesting.
The Lunglgrabenbach can be easily seen from a distance from the Ennstal valley, because it passes through a large quarry and the entire streambed has turned reddish-ochre. Apparently, the water in the source area is extremely strongly mineralized and so a thick sinter layer has formed over the entire streambed, which looks very slippery, but has held bombproof during our walk. As already described, the rock becomes more and more porous from top to bottom and you really have to watch out for falling rocks.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from Liezen drive on the B320 for about 8km in the direction of Salzburg until you reach the village of Wörschach. From the turnoff stay on the main road for 2km, past the Wörschachklamm gorge through Wörschach, until you turn right in the direction of "Gasthof Weitgasser". (Note: you could also leave the B320 directly here, but for people without a navigation system, the described route is easier). After 300m you will come to Gasthof Weitgasser, where you will find good parking spaces on the side of the beginning forest road, where the Fürstensteig also begins. (N47.551445/E014.139395)

Approach: (machine translated)
Directly at the parking lot, about 20m after the Fürstensteig begins - uphill - you go left on an unmarked path uphill for about 5 min. In the forest, the path is even secured. After 5 min you will come to the forest road, which you always follow along the signs "Aicherkarlalm". Partially you leave the forest road, or cross it again on the well-signposted path to the Aicherkaralm. You arrive at the alp after about another 40 minutes. Past the hut, along the forest road for another 700m (about 10 min) and then clearly visible another forest road leads left slightly downhill. Follow this path for about 150m and then continue straight on (do not follow the main forest road on the left) until you reach the Lunglgrabenbach stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
At first the stream looks like a forest canyon. However, after about 250m and a flatter rappel (single hook on a larger rock or.left), you come out of the forest to the break, which leads into the geologically highly interesting cascade with several rappels.
Almost all the belays are well secured chain anchors. The rock becomes increasingly brittle towards the bottom and practically everywhere there is a danger of falling rocks. After the first 45m rappel you come to a place that is very scenic. Here is a sloping ramp to the next belaystation which is located or. left. Here you will not find a belaystation anywhere and at the ramp you should not start sliding, because underneath there is the next drop. Here you have either the possibility to secure yourself with a body belay or you try to cross out directly at the arrival point of the 45m waterfall orographic left and get to the tree where you can hang a rope.
At the 2nd 45m- rappel you think at first, someone meant it very well with the chain anchor. An approx. 2m-long chain with 4 express anchors stands there ready as an abseil point. On closer inspection of the rock, however, one understands why 4 express anchors were needed. The entire rock is extremely porous and one anchor has even broken off completely. Here it is advisable to check first whether one trusts the anchors. We have at least fixed the rope from the upper abseil point here, so that if it comes with the first to the breakout of the anchors at least about the abseil rope to the upper stand a backup exists.
After another small walking passages you come to the last rappel (left), which can also be bypassed to the right via a small path made of steel steps.
Then cross or. left out to the forest road.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the forest road downhill until you reach the signs for the Fürstensteig. Then follow the Fürstensteig, first a little uphill until you get back to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Waypoint 47.5514 14.1394
Canyon Start 47.5552 14.1284
Canyon End 47.5533 14.1312

Reports:

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Best to think about it as a single but divided 110m descent with a streambed approach. Once out of the forest there is no walking part, but rope from anchor to anchor. All the way there are plenty of loose stones, no joke. R0: Single point in the stream bed (where the 3 streams join), not necessary, simple walk follows (unless it's icy). R1: Single point in the stream bed a couple of metres ahead of R0. It's to be used, two smaller (up to 5m) drop follows in 20-30m. R2: Tree on the right before the forest line. There's an old rope on the last tree but it looks bad and the approach is debatable too. Use a tree 5-6m before. Cca 20m descent follows. R3: Double anchor with rusty chain on the right. 40m rope needed from here. R4: Old ropes form a seemingly OK lead-in to a double anchor on the left. Cca 20-30m descent follows. R5: There are alternatives. Fresh but single point on the right, or older double with lead-in on the left. We picked the later one. Here comes the long descent, 45-50m. R6: Double anchor on the right, already in the flatter part. One point was damaged, now it is repaired but with 8mm screw (we only had this one). Long flat descent follows, cca 40m. R7: Double anchor on the left, still in the flat. There is also a pretty tree in a couple of metres if necessary. It's not obvious, but the next anchor is only 10m down. R8: 3-points chain anchor (plus one already fallen off) in a nice niche. The bottom here is cca 30m. Very spectacular. The way out is a short walk to the last drop where no rope is necessary. There is a wooden ladder that makes one think that it may fall over any moment, or a badly approachable fixed line on the right. 3-4m drop only.

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The right water level after heavy rainfall. After the first high rappel, an orographic left rappel was made from a small tree (55 m of rope required), as the orographic right belay was no longer trustworthy due to the brittle rock. Access approx. 1 h 20 min. Descent approx. 2 h 30 min. The way back was through a concrete work. (machine translated)

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