Birkkarbach

Birkkarklamm

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Tirol **Subregion:** Bezirk Innsbruck-Land **Town:** Scharnitz		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 3h30
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1690m	**Altitude exit:** 1440m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 4.30km²
Season: July - September	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:
Nature reserve,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Relatively long ascent and exit, small descent in a friendly atmosphere, located in the Karwendel nature reserve ("Naturpark"). Can be easily combined with the Moserkarbach in one day.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From one of the parking lots at the beginning of the Hinterautal valley on the eastern edge of Scharnitz, cycle for about 1 hour almost to the end of the valley. About 500m before reaching the Kastenalm, the wide gravel bed of the Birkkarbach opens up on the left. The ascent begins at the eastern edge of the gravel bed. Alternatively, you can take the Karwendel cab (Taxi Mair) to the junction with the footpath to the Karwendelhaus if you don't have a bike or don't want to pedal.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the eastern edge of the wide gravel bed until the path on the right leads out of the gravel bed. Follow this until it crosses the streambed of the Birkkarbach stream. The descent begins a few meters below.

Tour: (machine translated)
see photos and video
Note: Contrary to what is stated in the "Tyrolean Canyoning Guide" by Amor/Rimel, we needed 2x30m of rope for the penultimate rappel (at Riml 16m), which was barely enough. There is no indication of an intermediate position either on the topographic view in the book or in real life. It is possible that I am wrong in this respect.
We drilled the last rappel down into the gravel bed of the stream.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last rappel into the gravel bed, turn left steeply up to the approach path and follow it down to the road. Alternatively, continue down the mostly open gravel bed of the stream. After the gorge opens up, keep left to the road.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 47.3736 11.4263
Waypoint 47.3761 11.4238
Canyon Start 47.3941 11.4328
Canyon End 47.3898 11.4305
Alternative Canyon End 47.3775 11.4225

Reports:

2023-07-23 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Was combined with Moserkarbach. The Birkkarbach has somewhat more interesting rappels than the Moserkarbach. Approach very steep in the upper part. Cab may only drive until 18:00 because of nature conservation, cell phone reception (A1 network) only again in the lower part of the descent (when forest begins). Many old hooks of the brand self-made with shackles, 4 of them were newly drilled and replaced on stainless steel or supplemented. (machine translated)