Bruckgraben

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Steiermark **Subregion:** Bezirk Liezen **Town:** Gstatterboden		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 4h45
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 890m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 290m
Canyon length: 1200m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.1 (16)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (12)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
Day trip; at high water level very dangerous; large catchment area; partly very deeply cut; very beautiful canyon in limestone; clean cold water; good places to stand; long steep access; risk of falling rocks; return swimming in the Enns; no walking (sign breeding place for bird) at the exit! -> pass under the railroad bridge on the left and then into the Enns.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Coming from Admont on the Gesäuse Str. B146 to Johnsbach 5th (Gesäuse National Park) drive --> Parking options: Large parking lot visitor center Weidendom (Chargeable, € 6, - per day!), Parking at Gasthof Bachbrücke and parking station Johnsbach is no longer allowed.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot you go over the bridge to the train station Johnsbach --> here follow the valley hiking trail "Rauchboden" on the right (not the path directly behind the train station!) -->there are two shortcuts through the forest on this hiking trail, after the second one you have to leave the Rauchboden path on the left and follow the abandoned forest road up through the forest (sign "cycling prohibited", do not continue on the circular hiking trail!) --> after a few meters there is a steep gravel field that you go up to the forest road (lookout with bench) --> then continue to follow the marked hiking trail to the Buchsteinhaus to the "Brucksattel", about 50m after the resting bench is a cairn on the left (just before the next forest road crossing), here follow the footprints which lead downhill into the Bruckgraben (tw. cairns and yellow markings).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Bruckgraben is due to its arduous access and descent to the conditional and time-consuming tours in eastern Austria--> arrived in the stream, it first goes over small climbing and walking passages (beautiful washouts) --> the upper part of the canyon is still very open to the lower part--> over some smaller abseils and longer walking passages you get to the canyon center (last possible escape right, steep chute up to back - here leads a path to the tracks) --> from here it is really tight. (high water level / thunderstorms mean here absolute danger to life!) --> in the impressive and beautiful cut lower part of the canyon you can see over the head old wooden beams (Triftanlage), which still come from the "wooden age" --> Most abseiling points are not high but in the water course and can therefore be somewhat challenging for one or the other --> The final part leads over several rocks and an aluminum ladder to the exit at the railroad bridge (!bird breeding place therefore follow signs).

Return: (machine translated)
To make the way back easier, you swim (depending on the water level!) the approx. 2 km long distance simply in the Enns (watch out for trees in the water!), back to the bridge/parking lot. Alternatively 20 min. on foot next to the railroad line.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.5952 14.5818
Canyon End 47.5820 14.5782
Parking Entry and Exit 47.5815 14.5956
Waypoint 47.5860 14.6074
Waypoint 47.5940 14.6019
Waypoint 47.5951 14.5932
Waypoint 47.5964 14.5886

Reports:

2025-09-26 | Ivan Rieder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All belays in order! Former last rappel no longer exists but no problem for downclimbing! (machine translated)

2025-07-20 | Robert Werner | | 🕮 | ⚓ | | 👍 Completed
1 stand newly drilled. Former last belay no longer exists. Can now be easily downclimbed via several small steps (machine translated)

2025-05-15 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Less sun and water than expected. Quite a lot of gravel, but it was well distributed - on the walking passages and not in the basins. The former first rappel through the hole between the clamping blocks is now hardly feasible. At the beginning of the gorge, there is a large wooden hut which is better for rappels than it looks from above. The way back through the Enns was quite cold. Nevertheless, always beautiful. (machine translated)

2025-05-10 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Still good water from the mountain. There are a few new anchors compared to last year; so you can rappel more often "in the water" and don't have to go around the outside. (machine translated)

2025-04-19 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. More water than usual. Have renewed or re-drilled some stands. Enns no problem. (machine translated)

2024-08-21 | Kren.Sebastian | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
On the descent from the Brucksattel into the Bruckgraben, a few trees lie across the path. More debris in the canyon due to the recent storms, also a few trees have been added. All stands in order. (machine translated)

2024-08-11 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice water level, there was exactly crystal clear pool to cool off; otherwise everything nice as always (machine translated)

2024-06-08 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Good general condition and sufficient belays available. Some fixed ropes could be replaced in the meantime. Always a nice tour □□ (machine translated)

2024-01-23 | Andreas Gremmel | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Ice canyon ascent. conditions absolutely perfect, as there was little snow (except on the access, forest road) only a few avalanches in the canyon - all of them easily climbable over or under, huge icefalls in the ditch one stand almost buried under snow/ice chunks - only one bh free (machine translated)

2023-09-16 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Again a lot more gravel in the canyon. The tree chaos at the beginning of narrows lower part is resolved and the trees are further "migrated";- this could be after the next storms unfavorable for canyoning ,-but let's see (machine translated)

2023-09-01 | Andi Schober | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Water level normalized after the rains, belays all top - some drill hooks (without Rapidglieder or rings) was vmtl supplemented for rescues at some stands, Enns with good water throughput (machine translated)

2023-08-12 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Currently top conditions in the gorge. The block chaos at the narrows is gone and is now no longer disturbing at the Dopplelkaskade. Super water level. We have exchanged a few fixed ropes. Enns also has good water. (machine translated)

2023-06-25 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Today with a little more water than usual, but completely ok. Stands so far still good. One could improve some. Currently very milky the water, but super cleaned through. The sign at the exit was again not there (bird breeding place). It was again on top, where it does not help (because it is overlooked). We have placed it lower, but will probably not survive the next high water. (machine translated)

2023-05-28 | Kren.Sebastian | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Ascent in the course of the basic course canyoning rescue of the mountain rescue Styria. All belay stations in