

Spiggenbach

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne Subregion: Verwaltungskreis Frutigen-Niedersimmental / Frutigen-Niedersimmental administrative district Town: Reichenbach im Kandertal / Reichenbach		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a3 IV	Total time: 3h
Approachtime: 50min	Tourtime: 2h	Returtime: 10min
Altitude entry: 1180m	Altitude exit: 950m	Delta Altitude: 230m
Canyon length: 650m	Highest rapell: 50m	Amount rapells: 6
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: 24.00km²
Season: September - December	Orientation: West	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.5 (2)	Info: ★ 2 (2)	Belay: ★ 1 (1)
Specialities: Dam (autom. flushing),		
Gear: Ropes: 2x 50m		
Summary: (machine translated) A canyoning gem in the Kandertal valley near Reichenbach. A short but beautiful and rewarding descent.		
Hydrology: (machine translated) Never underestimate the amount of water in this canyon and the warnings about the danger of sudden floods! The water level must be assessed above the intake. At full capacity, 1,5000 l/s are turbined. In the event of an automatic shutdown, this amount of water can also be expected in the canyon...		
Access: (machine translated) Approach via A8 exit 19 in Spiez and continue in the direction of Kandersteg. In Reichenbach turn left towards Kiental. The parking lot is located directly after the bridge over the Spiggenbach. The equipment can still be reached by car about 1.3 km in the direction of Griesalp to the Spiggengrund junction.		
Approach: (machine translated) Follow the road to Spiggengrund on foot for about 1.7 km until you reach the first bridge over the Spiggenbach stream just behind the dam.		
Tour: (machine translated) Alongside the Gries and Gamchi canyons, the Spiggenbach is a canyoning gem in the Kandertal valley near Reichenbach (Bern/Berne/Berner Oberland). The canyon is very scenic and the abseils are a fun challenge. Caution: Don't tie out too early! In several places there were two steps down, this also applies to the C32! Warning from the power plant operator: Staying on or in the streambed below the water intake of a hydroelectric power plant is dangerous. If there is a technical fault in the power station, the water level can suddenly rise. What is dangerous is that the so-called surge water can neither be prevented nor predicted in terms of time. It is also independent of the weather.		
Return:		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 46.5781 7.7446 Canyon End 46.5781 7.7362 Parking Entry and Exit 46.5795 7.7293		

Reports:

2024-11-13 | rob | ★★☆☆ | 📖★★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Low | 🍏 Completed

nice canyon, anchors ok, but some with galva wedge bolt that is rusting. (machine translated)

2022-11-07 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | ⚓ | 🌊 Normal | 🍏 Completed

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