Hinterer Weissenbach

Create: 2023-03-09 20:49:54	**Update:** 2023-10-14 09:16:06	**Print:** 2026-11-10 02:11:55
Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Oberösterreich **Subregion:** Bezirk Kirchdorf **Town:** Hinterstoder		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 5h
Approachtime: 2h	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 1260m	**Altitude exit:** 800m	**Delta Altitude:** 460m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 23
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (3)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Warnings:

Private property - Hinterer Weissenbach - In negotiations

The owner currently does not want anyone to walk across her property or park there. Negotiations are still going on. Please do not make this tour at the moment

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x40

Summary: (machine translated)

Beautiful canyon, especially in the upper part; Adventurous access for people with scouting skills;
Some rappels mandatory in water; Geologically unique canyon. Very rewarding for experienced canyoneers with stamina.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

On the A9 coming from the north exit at St. Pankraz or coming from the south at Gleinkerau. From both exits drive in the direction of Hinterstoder. Drive through Hinterstoder always in the direction of the end of the valley. From the catholic church in Hinterstoder you drive about 3.8 km before a small parking lot with a chapel appears on the left. Directly after that you turn left into the Weißenbachtal. You drive about 2km into the valley, on the left side there is a nice wooden house and about 150m after that you can park directly in front of the bridge over the Weißenbach, where a gravel road goes up the mountain on the right. This parking lot is ideal, because some cars can stay without disturbing anyone. (Parking coordinates: 47.659953, 14.130017)

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the asphalt road into the valley for another 400m until you come to a forest path on the right in the direction of Weißenbach. Turn off there and cross the Weißenbach after approx. 300m. Follow the forest road and go down towards Weißenbach as soon as you can so that you reach the streambed (do not go all the way to the exit where you meet the upper Weißenbach!)
You walk in the streambed for about 500m, then you pass a barely visible foundation of a whitewater barrier (described in Canyon Wiki) before a small stream with a waterfall cascade flows in on the left. From the parking lot it takes about 15-20 minutes to get here. If you want to check the water, stay in the streambed for about 200m and come to the final waterfall. Otherwise, head up the slope to the left at the mouth of the waterfall cascade. So far, finding the path has been easy;-) from now on it gets exciting. In any case, we recommend using a navigation app with an Open Street Map, as the path - which is no longer visible in places - is marked there and this helps immensely in the partly pathless terrain to find at least one game crossing that shows you the way.

It is important to always keep in mind to stay about 30 - 40 meters above the Weißenbach. You should leave the initially visible path directly at the waterfall cascade when you are about 40 m above the Weißenbach and continue along the barely visible game trails and hunters path, always above the Weißenbach.
You will soon come to a small boulder field in the forest, where the hunters path is clearly visible. This means that if you are not yet on the hunters path, you have to look up or down along the boulder field. The terrain is very steep and you should find the hunters path here, otherwise it will be difficult to continue. Once you have found the hunters' path, follow it further along the Weißenbach stream before you reach a new torrent obstruction of the Weißenbach stream at approx. 960 m (approx. 30-45 min walk from the parking lot) (lower entry).

To get to the upper part, walk to the exit of the gravel field where the gorge begins again and take the clearly visible path to the ortographic left.
After a few meters in altitude you pass a stream and then come to a second one. Here you move away a little from the gorge of the Weißenbach. You walk up to the small waterfall of the stream and then climb a relatively adventurous 20 m over a boulder field before reaching the ridge. Now you can see the gorge of the Weißenbach again. Now it gets exciting because the path gets lost. In other words, you walk into the valley in the forest without a path and have to watch out for a few meters in altitude. At some point, you will come across a dry stream again and another with a deep chute. The terrain here is already more open and late. Here you should have found the hunters path again. You then come to a place with a salt stone for the game and in about 5 minutes you are at the entry point at about 1260 meters above sea level

Tour: (machine translated)
Tour description upper part: ca 2h
The Weißenbach was at the time of our ascent (12.06.2020) in sensational condition. The canyon was professionally drilled by the mountain rescue, i.e. there is at least one glued anchor everywhere and each rappel point is numbered with partial indications of escape routes. Immediately at the first stand you will find a general description of the tour, described by the mountain rescue (on a sign).
The upper part of the. Ht. Weißenbach is sensationally beautiful. Fantastic mountain scenery, geologically the canyon is certainly one of the most beautiful in Austria. Due to the adventurous access and partial rappelers, which are mandatory in the water with high water pressure, but it is certainly a canyon for advanced canyoneers.

Until the SOS 17- rappel the canyon is relatively open, but in an impressive mountain scenery. From the SOS 16-rappel starts a highly impressive gorge, which first starts with a 12m-rappel, before at the SOS 15-rappel you rappel about 7m without visual contact to the chain anchor of the highest and most spectacular rappel. The 35m rappel is extremely impressive, because you have the feeling that you are at the bottom of the water shooting down with great pressure and the arrival from above is not visible. With a little skill, however, you can get under the waterfall and so the water pressure at the bottom is no problem. There follows another small 5m step and one has the feeling of coming from a cave back into a large valley. This place is sensational, because left and right about 150m walls go vertically upwards and in the middle is the relatively wide streambed of the Weißenbach.
A small walking passages follows until the canyon narrows slightly again at the SOS 12 rappel point.

Care must be taken at the SOS 11 rappel because the water shoots down a relatively shallow chute and you cannot see the bottom of the chute through the white water. In the last third there is a big hole and through the chute you have a strong water pressure. It is recommended to bypass this place or. left with the rope with some skill.

After a short distance you come to the next gorge and the ambience of the canyon changes completely. At the top, the canyon has a high alpine, vertical character. From the SOS10 rappel, where also another stream flows in from or.left with a small waterfall, the canyon becomes more aquatic and gets more the character of a "forest canyon", but in a positive sense. Deeply cut dark, dark washed out limestone, crystal clear water and far above one over it lush green - a real color flash.
At the SOS 8 rappel, you think you only have to rappel about 7m into the pool below, but the rappel continues through impressive, polished chutes. The SOS7 rappel and a short swim marks the exit of the upper section.

Tour description lower part: approx. 1h
Compared to the upper part of the canyon, the lower part is unfortunately more "forest canyon style". While beautiful, after the flash of the upper part, this part can't quite maintain the level. The lower part is more open and is in the forest.
Begin does the lower part right at the torrent obstruction, which you climb down the right.

Relatively close to each other is the 20m rappel from the torrent and a 17m rappel, before you arrive after a short walking passages at a 20m rappel with a small "cannon tube".
After the cannon tube follows a walking and downclimb followed by a flatter rappel (SOS 3) until you are faced with a place where you do not know exactly how to get down here. One could bypass this place or. left (so it was probably also thought by the mountain rescue), however, we have attached a sling at a tree or. left and have seen only afterwards that or. right after a downclimb is attached a bolthook.
At the SOS2 rappel you have to pay attention to the rope retrival, because the anchors were placed behind a rock bulge and then you come to the SOS 1 rappel. Here you have 2 options: Either you go directly in the water directly away from the SOS 1 rappel, but if the water pressure is too high for you, you can reach or. left with a rope traverse to a "dry" rappel point. Here you have to be extremely careful, because this place is insanely rockfall and really big chunks can be loosened by the ropes in the rappel.

Once at the bottom, you walk along the streambed for about 200m before arriving back at the waterfall cascade, where the access began.

Return: (machine translated)
As with the access, follow the streambed out of the valley, take the forest road and then the asphalt road to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6485 14.1631
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6598 14.1299
Canyon End 47.6512 14.1456

Reports:

2024-08-30 | Gerhard Sulzbacher | ☆☆☆½ |🕮★★ |⚓★★ | Normal | Completed
Canyon was otherwise in top condition. The intermediate pitch of the long canyon is broken and so we rappelled the full length anyway. But the access is totally bad. In the lower area, the path no longer exists due to windthrows. The exit from the lowest streambed up to the path next to the waterfall is very difficult and dangerous, as the entire embankment is torn away after 10 meters and there is only vertical sand here. Parking at the bottom and encounters with hunters or landowners are also a problem. It would almost be better to be driven in so that there is no car at the bottom or that you don't have to walk for half to three quarters of an hour on asphalt. (machine translated)

2023-05-09 | Corina | |🕮 |⚓ | | Not done
Currently, the owner does not want to park on their private property or the access is used! Since we are in consultation with the owner, try to meet a good arrangement for all we ask you to refrain for the time being from a walk! (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆☆☆☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Ort von https://canyon.carto.net/cwiki/bin/view/Canyons/HtWeissenbachCanyon.html

---

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆☆☆☆☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Daten importiert von https://www.canyoning.or.at/index.php/liste-aller-canyons/499-hinterer-weissenbach