Reichenbach

Rychenbach

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne **Subregion:** Verwaltungskreis Interlaken-Oberhasli / Interlaken-Oberhasli administrative district **Town:** Schattenhalb		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 III	**Total time:** 4h6
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 1min
Altitude entry: 985m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 385m
Canyon length: 1150m	**Highest rapell:** 130m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: November - April	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Warnings:
inactive: *Prohibition of fishing in Bern Case C* (yearly 01.01. - 15.07.)
According to the fishing regulations of the Canton of Bern, this stretch of water may only be used from 16.07.-31.12.

Specialities:
Glacier in drainage area, Dam (inform operator),

Gear:

Summary: (machine translated)
Usually a rappel canyon with little water in the fall. Impassable when the dam is open.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Glacier-fed dam holds back all the water between mid-October and the exit in April. Impassable in summer - flow rate of 850 l/s.

Access: (machine translated)
Follow the main roads towards Meiringen and then on to Schattenhalb and from there towards Reichenbachfall / Zwirgi.

Approach: (machine translated)
Supérieur: Follow the path below the dam wall down into the canyon. (approx. 50 meters)

Reichenbach Falls: From Zwirgi, follow the hiking trail to the Reichenbach Falls. (approx. 250 meters)

Inférieur: From Schwendi approx. 200 meters in a north-easterly direction and then approx. 50 meters in a southerly direction. Rope into the canyon at a suitable point.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Reichenbach Canyon is divided into several parts:

- Above the dam (forbidden from 30.09, so actually not feasible, as there is far too much water until September)
- Dam to Reichenbach Falls (supérieur)
- Reichenbach Falls
- Below the Reichenbach Falls (inférieur)

Long ropes are needed for the Reichenbachfall.

NO ESCAPE ROUTES IN THE REICHENBACHFALL AREA!

Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.7120 8.1798
Canyon End 46.7192 8.1830
Intermediate Canyon Exit 46.7132 8.1824
Alternative Canyon Start 46.7150 8.1856

Reports:

2025-11-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Reichenbach Telephone number for the dam had no response. We started with a low water level. In the 3rd part, just after passing the C20-C10-C8, the water level rose quickly due to the opening of the dam. We had to take the escape just before the 'pont funiculaire'. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/23151/observations.html)

2025-11-02 | Jaap | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Crazy | 📈 Emergency exit
Called the dam, had no reaction but there was a low flow. On 3/4th of the trip we heard a ‘roar’ of water that started rising. In 5 minutes it went from low to crazy.. Luckily we had a good escape point and could get out, everybody safe. Till that point the equipment was all good!

2025-10-07 | ismä | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Received information directly from BKW on site. Various hooks tightened, all are OK. Cyl and RoeNeoerd were also there. (machine translated)

2024-11-09 | Joris Walch | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
All the stitches are in place. We just had to tighten a few. The C110 was lowered 3x (45+38+45). Access to the belay after the arch is not easy, as it's far from the descent axis. We were able to make most of the jumps, including S8 and S9. We didn't manage to contact the dam. As a result, we had to make our own risk assessment based on the level in the dam and the flow upstream. Incredible atmosphere. A truly magnificent canyon (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2021-11-06 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
inférieur (below the Reichenbach Falls) Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wr1BkuLUi9o (machine translated)

2021-11-03 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
supérieur. Entry at the dam, exit before the Reichenbach Falls. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLjY6xgFCQI (machine translated)