

Zanaibach

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton St. Gallen Subregion: Wahlkreis Sarganserland Town: Valens		
Difficulty: very difficult	Grading: v5 a6 V	Total time: 5h
Approachtime: 45min	Tourtime: 4h	Returtime: 15min
Altitude entry: 1096m	Altitude exit: 926m	Delta Altitude: 170m
Canyon length: 1500m	Highest rapell: 45m	Amount rapells: 14
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: 17.76km ²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.3 (5)	Info: ★ 2.5 (2)	Belay: ★ 1.7 (3)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 1x50m, 2x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) Extremely narrow canyon that has no spectacular jumps, but shines through its scenic and aquatic impressions. Tour only go in absolutely stable weather and low water level !!!! A thunderstorm in the Zanaikessel would have fatal consequences. The water changes the streambed constantly. Many stands are often meters away from the canyon floor because the bed has sunk. Be sure to take enough emergency material with you!		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) Eastern Switzerland, Bad Ragaz, Valens. Approx. 1 km after Valens the road leads over the Zanaibach. Sparse parking immediately before and after the bridge.		
Approach: (machine translated) On the orographic right side of the canyon follow a hiking trail until you reach the other side of the canyon via a wooden bridge. After another 200m follow a thin path into the canyon and rappel about 25m from a tree into the streambed just before an erosion gully.		
Tour: (machine translated) The abseil station for the highest waterfall (45m) is on the right behind the edge, belay anchors for traverse on the right in the corner. Further down, the abseiling points are lower but more aquatic. In 2014 there were many wedged trees in the area of the old bridge - downclimbing in the water is not easy.		
Information on current conditions can be obtained from Alphons Kühne: 7317 Valens, 081/3025044, 079/6603318		
Return: (machine translated) Just before the road bridge, get off to the left over an overgrown steep slope.		
Coordinates: Canyon Start 46.9623 9.4525 Parking Entry and Exit 46.9643 9.4711 Canyon End 46.9636 9.4697		

Reports:

2025-09-20 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Zanaibach Équipement en place, rajouté 1 seul point. Dans la 45, le point en sortie de vasque suspendue est massacré, tirer direct du haut. C23 magnifique, belle douche dessous. 1 vasque qui tournait sur le bas de la course. 2h à 3. Retour droit dans la pente raide en rive gauche, sans trop de sentier. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21337/observations.html>)

2024-11-07 | ismä |★★★★☆|📖|📍★★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Görsbach approx. 0.80m³/sec., the perfect amount of water for me. We set new anchors in two places in the lower part. In three places we went down improvised. Very beautiful incised canyon (machine translated)

2024-11-03 | Nico Schneider |★★★★☆|📖★|📍★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

We could renew some anchors. However, some anchors are still borderline or missing (rappels from jams) From the high road bridge onwards, many animal remains in the canyon. (machine translated)

2024-10-31 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Zanaibach DC+, Durchflussmenge Görsbach bei circa 0,95m³/sek. An 3 Stellen mit Floating-bag gearbeitet. Was an Haken noch vorhanden ist ist zu ersetzen (Maillon rapides rostig, und bis zur Mitte durchgescheuert), zu weit entfernt von den holzigen Schwemmseln oder es sind schlichtweg keine Haken da um delikate Kletterstellen zu vereinfachen. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21337/observations.html>)

2024-10-31 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Zanaibach Terrain d'aventure. Trop peu de points et pas mal d'eau avec quelques mouvements, ont rendu la descente très sportive. On a réussi à passer avec des amarrages naturels (cailloux, tronc). Canyon avec pas mal de bois. Pas fait la dernière partie. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21337/observations.html>)

2023-10-06 | Christian Balla |★★★★★|📖★★★★|📍★★★|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Very beautiful and impressive canyon. Hook condition mostly very good, but we had to improvise in a few places, e.g. by using human anchors from above and belaying from below. Video of the tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoExeMEAEQw> (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User |★★★★☆|📖|📍||

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21337>

2023-03-09 | System User |★★★|📖|📍||

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