

Gornera

Gorner Gorge

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Wallis / Canton du Valais Subregion: Bezirk Visp Town: Zermatt		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v4 a5 V	Total time:
Approachtime:	Tourtime:	Returntime:
Altitude entry: m	Altitude exit: m	Delta Altitude:
Canyon length: m	Highest rapell: m	Amount rapells:
Transport: Cablecar	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: North	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.7 (3)	Info: ★ 2 (2)	Belay: ★ 2 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear:		
Summary: (machine translated) Demanding winter gorge which should be enjoyed with appropriate caution. The Gornera, which is fed by the highest peaks in Switzerland and the second largest glacier in the country, has carved deep into the green rocks above Zermatt and is divided into several parts (I to V, with an additional, less interesting O), none of which are easy to tackle. (machine translated)		
Hydrology: (machine translated) Canyons only recommended when out of service. Usually December-March.		
Access: (machine translated) From Täsch by train to Zermatt and by bus or on foot to the cable car "Zermatt Matterhorn Talstation". Take the cable car to Furi, then continue on foot.		
Approach: (machine translated) Part 1: at the bridge Part 2: From Furi down over the bridge, turn right and follow the canyon briefly upwards, then enter near the reservoir house Part 3: Orographically left on the hiking trail down. Leave the hiking trail in the direction of the gondola lift mast. From there, follow the cliff for another 50-100m until an obvious, gently sloping path leads south into the canyon. Start at the "via ferrata".		

Tour: (machine translated)

Anchors are regularly damaged or cannot be found under the snow. A drill is strongly recommended.

Parts 1+2 or 2+3 make a nice day tour.

Part 1: only possible with little snow/fresh snow (avalanche danger) and not too cold temperatures. A side tributary can block the whole canyon with a wall of ice.

Part 2: More water contact than in part 1 but not very technical. Exit orographic left before the via ferrata or start of part 3.

Part 3: More rappels and downclimbs follow. Attention, there is a pool from which you may not be able to get out if the siphon is closed. Therefore, from the start of part 3, you must first climb via the via ferrata to this point and hang a rope (approx. 2x20m). Alternatively, one person can follow the group via the via ferrata and react from above if the siphon is closed. The pool is located after the cool rope pendulum in the via ferrata, with which you can get from the orographic right to the orographic left side of the canyon. If the siphon is closed, people have to rappel up the rope to the via ferrata and back down into the canyon after the siphon. This takes some time and warm clothing is essential.

Exit at the start of part 4 orographically to the right, climbing up the steep streambed as soon as possible.

Crampons and ice axes/ice tools recommended.

Part 4: ? worse water quality possible from here onwards

Part 5: Poor water quality possible. Canyon should be checked before entering via the tourist gallery. Possible wooden blockages.

Return:**Coordinates:**

Canyon Start [45.9941 7.7269](#)

Parking at Entry [46.0687 7.7753](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [45.9999 7.7333](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.0033 7.7346](#)

Alternative Canyon Start [46.0058 7.7363](#)

Reports:

2025-01-11 | Alex Arnold | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 👍 Completed

Only part 3 made. (machine translated)

2023-12-02 | Bubtore | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 👍 Completed

Only did part 3, siphon was not necessary (5cm margin of air). Set a few new anchors, cold water, as expected. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | ⚓ | |

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