Gerbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Salzburg **Subregion:** Bezirk Hallein **Town:** Abtenau		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h30
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1080m	**Altitude exit:** 800m	**Delta Altitude:** 280m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 29
Transport: Bike/Mountainbike	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (9)	**Belay:** ★ 2.1 (10)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful, narrow, secluded vertical lime canyon; some wooden obstructions; several slippery spots; exposure south; best reached by bike; can be combined with Ackersbach where the Gerbach flows into (Ackersbach+1h); few chain anchors but mostly 2 Inox anchors; prone to flooding; emergency exit only possible at the beginning before the 30m cascade and at the end after the 20m rappel with rock hole.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Salzburg Süd via the A10 to the Golling exit. Then continue on the B102 (Lammertalstraße) towards Abtenau. At "Voglauerhof", turn left over the Lammer bridge and then immediately left again past the Gasthaus Ascherbad. Follow the mountain road to the large hiking parking lot near Pichl (N47°36'03.00 E13°17'55.00). Park your car here and change to your bike. Follow the wide (mostly flat) forest road for approx. 6 km (approx. 20 min) in the direction of Postalm until you reach the bridge over the Ackersbach (also a canyoning tour). The bike is parked here.

Alternative mountain access: Take the toll road Postalmstraße (€11,-2021) up to 47°38'36.1" - 13°25'22.9".
Park your car here and change to your bike. From the parking lot at the barrier, follow the forest road with the hiking sign "Voglau bei Abtenau 3 1/2h", past the alpine pastures and along the Lienbach stream, the wide forest road leads approx. 4km down the valley. Here you cross the Zinkenbach (also a canyoning tour) and after another 3km you reach the bridge over the Ackersbach. Park your bike here.

Approach: (machine translated)
Directly at the bridge you can already see the water level of the Gerbach, which flows into the Ackersbach above the bridge. From the bridge, follow the forest road on foot for about 100m up to the third left fork (the first two lead to the forester's lodge). If you walk past the third junction, you will see a yellow hiking sign with the inscription "Voglau/Postalm" (old Postalm road), where an inconspicuous path leads up to the forest road (Karrenweg Hochzinkenalmen). Follow this first in open terrain, then through the forest up to the steep rock face and bridge over the Gerbach at 1080m. Tip: after approx. 30 minutes uphill, you could also descend/enter the canyon on the left (directly before the 30m cascade) (= approx. 1h time saving).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Gerbach is a remote, beautiful and rewarding canyon in the Salzburg region. Unfortunately, there are some annoying wooden obstructions in the canyon that should not be underestimated. If you are interested in the interesting vertical narrow canyon, you should definitely check the weather and water level and carry an emergency drill kit. As already mentioned in the access section, you can start the canyon from the very top at the small bridge over the Gerbach or from further down (visible game crossing path left in front of the rock face). Right at the beginning (entry at the bridge) there is the first 10m abseil in the narrow part of the gorge. This is followed by small steps/climbs and several slides to the first high 20m abseil (chain anchor on the left). This is followed by a few short abseils and downclimbs in a more open gorge environment. After a 10m abseil on the right and some large rocks, you could leave the canyon to the left to the forest path (only possibility!). A short downclimb follows until you reach the beautiful 30m cascade and incised gorge section. The cascade can be rappelled in one piece from a chain anchor or you can split it up (10m+20m). After this abseiling point it remains narrow and continuous. This is followed by approx. 20 abseils up to a maximum of 20m via 10mm stainless steel anchors and chain anchors (the anchors are not always immediately visible!) Jumps should be well considered. Between the abseiling steps there are some mostly very slippery tree blockages that have to be climbed over or downclimbed. Towards the end of the tour there is a nice 20m (right) abseil with a rock hole. This is followed by a rather flat, slippery section with two (three) short abseils before you reach the bikes again at around 800m (small old wooden footbridge).

Return: (machine translated)
(with bike)
From the bridge (Ackersbach junction), follow the forest road by bike back down to the parking lot in Pichl.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6387 13.3464
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6433 13.4215
Parking Entry and Exit 47.5999 13.2982
Canyon End 47.6314 13.3426

Reports:

2025-08-12 | Julia Eising | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Very slippery in places. Anchoring is fine, a few places are more difficult to reach if you are not so tall or because it is slippery. (machine translated)

2025-06-19 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Apart from the slippery spots and some wood, everything from the upper entry to the bottom is great. (machine translated)

2025-06-14 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
New anchors were drilled in all important places in the upper part (now there are no more sufficient ones for the upper part □) In addition, the 30er cascade got a chain instead of the tree sling.wood was not disturbing today. Access to Ackersbach and Gerbach is possible, but it will be closed after that. (machine translated)

2025-06-11 | Martin | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
A long canyon, but generally well climbed. First combined descent 10+20 not possible, anchor so high that being 185cm I couldn't reach, so you need a longer rope. Long and strenuous access, version with bicycle good, although cars should be allowed on the access.to the canyon, since there are driving there.big trucks that gravel .... nice to connect with the lower canyon □ (machine translated)

2024-11-09 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything in order here, unfortunately little water (machine translated)

2024-10-26 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Today again from the very top, first step ring left, second step sling around deadwood, third step pitons left somewhat hidden in the gap, then large cascade with chain anchor left in front, even after that everything is well set up only not always immediately recognizable □ I put two new W-ring in the upper part and removed old slings. Now of course less sunlight but still nice. (machine translated)

2024-10-20 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Went "all the way up" for the first time today, didn't get on at 30: The upper part would be very nice, unfortunately just a lot of wood and moderately equipped; tw thin cords around trees, etc, we have set a piton. The upper part should be doable in 45-50 minutes. The lower part is great as always - if there weren't some wood obstructions it would be a TOP canyon; we could do it in a good 2 hours. Afterwards, of course, the Ackersbach was added Should anyone find a Garmin watch (rather in the lower part or at the exit) -- please contact 0699 17444222 - thanks, my friend has lost it. (machine translated)

2024-07-27 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Entry at C30, all anchors okay, new anchor + chain anchor on the right at the abseiling point in the rock hole (see topographic view), superiore combination with Ackersbach (everything secured there too). (machine translated)

2024-05-20 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Hardly any anchors in the upper part, rappels from trees necessary. Lots of wooden obstructions and very slippery. Otherwise tiptop. (machine translated)

2023-10-26 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
With the bike to the exit Ackersbach cycled (comfortable about 25min) Then back to Forststr and the normally described approach chosen. We are like last year before the 30m cascade entered. Great tour; all stands ok, Verklausung keeps within limits, towards the ends increasingly slippery. Then the Ackersbach attached. Recommended combination. Approach from the end of Ackersbach to entry before the 30er cascade about 40min Gerbach then about 2h10min (machine translated)

2023-07-09 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Have today some material (W-rings) bored, should fit until the next high water,:-) (machine translated)

2023-06-01 | Thomas Fras | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Currently very beautiful and rewarding, entanglements not bad, have set some new boron hooks. Entry before 30m cascade□ (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |

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