

Wappbach

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Country: Deutschland / Germany Region: Oberbayern / Upper Bavaria Subregion: Landkreis Berchtesgadener Land Town: Bayerisch Gmain		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 I	Total time: 2h38
Approachtime: 45min	Tourtime: 1h45	Returntime: 8min
Altitude entry: 820m	Altitude exit: 560m	Delta Altitude: 260m
Canyon length: 1000m	Highest rappel: 15m	Amount rapells: 15
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: limestone	Drainage area: 3.00km ²
Season:	Orientation: North	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3 (7)	Info: ★ 2.5 (6)	Belay: ★ 2 (6)
Specialities: Suitable for families, § Chargeable parking,		
Gear: Ropes: 1x10m, 1x35m		
Summary: (machine translated) Short, small, max. 40m deep canyon suitable for beginners with many slides and small abseils in the Lattengebirge. Several emergency exits possible on both sides of the gorge.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From Salzburg West via the Walserberg Bundesstraße to the turn-off on the left towards Großgmain (alternatively, you can also drive to Großgmain via Salzburg Süd-Grödig-Fürstenbrunn. Then continue on the Großgmainer Landesstraße to the village of Großgmain, Bayerisch Gmain (state border). Immediately after the border, continue left until you reach Bundesstraße 20, turn right here and after approx. 200m turn left (signposted Bahnhof/Wanderzentrum). From here, follow the road with the signs to the Bayerisch Gmain hiking center. There is a paid parking lot at the exit of the dead end (3h/€3,-).		
Approach: (machine translated) From the parking lot, follow the hiking trail signposted Alpgartensteig, which after a short time leads to the Wappbach stream and a metal bridge (exit). From the metal bridge, you can either hike up the orographic left or right path next to the stream (Alpgarten circular trail) as both paths lead about the same distance to the upper metal bridge (entry).		
Tour: (machine translated) The Wappbach is the lower course of the Alpgartenbach and is located on the German side where canyoning is officially prohibited (the Alpgartenbach itself is unfortunately not interesting). The canyon is ideal for a short morning or afternoon tour and is also suitable for beginners or children. Immediately after the metal bridge at the entry point, there are two small slides and one of the two highest abseiling points (C15) in a narrow passage. This is followed by a small step and a longer open walking passage before the canyon narrows again. In the next part, there are several small steps that can be rappelled, slid or downclimbed. The next higher rappel (C10) can alternatively be dry rappelled on the left. Now follows the most beautiful part of the tour, a longer parts with the second 15m high abseil in the watercourse that goes 90° around the bends, beautiful washouts and some small slides. After another open walking passage, there is a casual abseil (C10) with a shower under a clamping block and the last incised gorge section where there are still many small slides and abseils. Towards the bottom, the canyon opens up more and more and you reach the lower metal bridge where you can decide whether you want to get out or overcome the last abseil. Attention! In one of the last pools where you can slide (approx. 100m before the bridge) there is a piece of metal (Oct.2023).		
Return: (machine translated) Either before or after the metal bridge (last abseiling point) get off to the right and follow the hiking trail to the parking lot.		

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [47.7054 12.8928](#)

Canyon End [47.7141 12.8962](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [47.7159 12.8985](#)

Reports:

2025-07-04 | Christian Balla | ★★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

In fact, a much nicer canyon than you would expect. Many exit possibilities. Stands OK, but mixed quality. Metal part still in the last slide. I will adjust points in the description: Rappel recommendation: 1x10m & 1x30m - Reason: most rappels are <5m, at the highest the 30m double was enough. Duration: 2h total is extremely ambitious, 3h sporty. I recommend as a guideline (2-4 people, with a break, without rushing) to buy the parking ticket for 4 hours, then it is a leisurely tour that you can enjoy. (machine translated)

2025-06-22 | Elke Osswald | ★★★ | ⚓ | ⚓ | ⚓ Low | 🌟 Completed

All stands OK. Pools covered with gravel. No jumps possible. Careful slides were mostly possible. Underestimated nice gem. Attention .the metal structure (stainless steel plate) towards the exit orographic right still present and was clearly visible at this water level. (machine translated)

2025-05-23 | Max H. | ★★★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Nice little tour with rather little water. An anchor for higher water pressure is missing in one or two places. (machine translated)

2025-04-13 | Elias Eberl | ★★★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

Beautiful stream with no complications worth mentioning. Exit often possible. Belay simple but ok. At the 90° fall, rappel over the pool, approx. 10m. Hardly any wood in it, but quite slippery. (machine translated)

2024-10-05 | Max H. | ⚓ | ⚓ | ⚓ High | 🚫 Not done

No inspection due to the increased water level not fitting the group constellation (machine translated)

2024-07-10 | Montie | ★★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

I was positively surprised by this one, more fun and nicer than I expected! Unfortunately almost none of the pools are very deep, so slide and jump with care.. Video in the links section.

2024-06-06 | Jason Walker | ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ | ⚓ High | 🌟 Completed

Moderately high level, on the drop though. Chilly water. Numerous loose- single expansion bolt anchors in questionable rock. Many of the pools below what appear to be slides are quite full of sand, and the odd sneaky rock. Put in is more like 820m and we took out at the bridge at 650m.

2023-11-05 | Thomas Fras | ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ ★★ | ⚓ Normal | 🌟 Completed

The gorge is rather unknown but quite nice. If you only have a little time or want to do a gorge with children. It should be noted that the tour is close to the border in Germany, where canyoning is not actually permitted. However, the tour is sufficiently well equipped. About half of the steps can be climbed or slid down. (machine translated)