Russbach

Rußbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Salzburg **Subregion:** Bezirk Hallein **Town:** Strobl		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h30
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1100m	**Altitude exit:** 750m	**Delta Altitude:** 350m
Canyon length: 2300m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (3)	**Info:** ★ 3 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50m

Summary: (machine translated)
A varied canyon that is hard to find and is certainly one of the great highlights in the Salzkammergut. It is divided into three striking parts. The first third is a leisurely hiking canyon with a few abseils. Suddenly, however, the character changes dramatically, as wild rappels into the increasingly narrow canyon follow. The last third is again more horizontal but very narrow and has some swimming passages. All in all, an extremely impressive tour that should not be underestimated. On the one hand, the crossing takes a relatively long time and on the other hand, it is only possible to enter when the water level is low. A spectacular helicopter rescue operation took place in 1999. There is no way to get out after the first third! The protection at the high abseiling points can be described as very good, but there are a few small climbing passages that are not equipped. Unfortunately, the lower, beautifully incised part of the Russbach Canyon has been disfigured by a high ropes course (via ferrata). On nice weekends, the masses move through the canyon, so watch out for loose stones, especially at the first (from the canyoneers' point of view) bridge that crosses the canyon. After that, the via ferrata leads through rocky terrain with loose stones.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
By car, take the Westautobahn exit at Regau, continue towards Salzburg and exit in Weißenbach (approx. 10 kilometers after Bad Ischl) in the direction of Postalm (toll road 17€ per car). Now one car can be parked in the first large rightward haipin bend at the exit. Take the second car and continue towards the Postalm. Once you reach the plateau, you come to a turn-off to the left (Blonde Hütte, Lienbachhof etc. are signposted). Turn off and about 100m before the bridge over the Rußbach you can park on the left-hand side by a large house.

Approach: (machine translated)
At the house just mentioned, a cart path begins on the left side, which you follow until you reach a junction with a second cart path. The right path you follow for about 100m, then you have to look for the descent into the Rußbach (south direction) itself through the forest. Unfortunately, there is no recognizable path here, but the stream itself cannot be missed.

Tour: (machine translated)
Once in the streambed, you come to the first rappel over 7m. Then you follow the stream over a long stretch (caution extremely slippery!). You come to two small pools, the second can be jumped, otherwise you can bypass left. This is followed by a small rappel and a beautiful place with two large pools in which is rappelled. A 20m drop leads to another hiking section. One arrives at an 18m high rappel point where previously downclimbed over a small rock step. After two more small rappels on the left is the last exit possibility over scree up to the cart path that leads to the Postalmstraße. Whoever completes the next 4m jump must descend completely. Now the Rußbach becomes really southern French. Three times you rope down over long distances into the increasingly narrow depths. The stances are sufficiently set up. After three more short waterfalls, you come to an impressive dome with a large pool and clamping block. A small rappel is followed by a somewhat unpleasant climbing section. Now you are at the junction of the route LeadershipExpressCanyon which leads down over the overhangs of the orographic left side. Following the Rußbach, you reach a C5 waterfall that can be rappelled downclimbed when there is little water, or rappelled from a chain on the right side. At the following blocking, a fixed rope is set up to help with the descent. After some boulders, which are all rappelled down, you reach again a fixed rope over which you rappel 5m. The canyon ends with some nice swimming passages, from which it still takes about 20 min to reach a torrent.

Return: (machine translated)
On the orographic right side of the riverbed, through the forest, you reach a forest road that you follow downstream to the parked car. If you are only traveling with one car, you must either return to the car via the marked hiking trail, or you stop.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6515 13.4365
Parking at Exit 47.6492 13.4320
Parking at Exit 47.6790 13.4668
Parking at Entry 47.6820 13.4776
Canyon End 47.6623 13.4613

Reports:

2025-08-10 | Julia Eising | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Still a lot of wood in the tour and extremely slippery. Anchoring in order. (machine translated)

2023-09-21 | Aja | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Stands in good condition, last stand is missing - wood entanglement, we rappelled from a reepschnur with Rapidglieder. Canyon is very clogged with wood and gravel - a lot of climbing. We didn't find the right entry, we went into the creek bed. MAUT: car 16€, exit about 3km from the tollbooth. You can also stop. With time reserve count - to 5 we have needed 6 hours. (machine translated)

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