

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 rappell: 45m	Amount rapells: 16
Transport: Car optional	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: Northeast	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.2 (3)	Info: ★ 3 (2)	Belay: ★ 2.5 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x50m		
Summary: (machine translated) A diverse canyon that will be hard to find its equal, and is certainly one of the great highlights of the Salzkammergut. It is divided into three distinctive parts. The first third is a comfortable hiking canyon with a few abseils. Immediately, however, the character changes dramatically, because wild rappel passages follow in the canyon, which becomes narrower and narrower. The last third is again rather horizontal but very narrow and with some swimming passages. Overall, 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 allowed to get in when the water level is low. In 1999 there has already been a spectacular helicopter rescue operation. After the first third there is no exit possibility! The protection can be described as very good at the high rappelling points, but there are a few small climbing passages that are not equipped.\nUnfortunately, the RussbachCanyon has been disfigured in the lower, beautifully cut part, by a high ropes course (via ferrata). On nice weekends, the masses move through the canyon, so beware of stones kicked loose, especially at the first (from the point of view of the canyoneers) bridge that leads over the canyon. After that, the via ferrata goes through scree terrain with loose stones.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) By car on the Westautobahn exit at Regau, continue towards Salzburg and in Weißenbach (about 10 kilometers after Bad Ischl) exit towards Postalm (toll road 30.- per car and 40.- per person). Now one car can be parked in the first big rightward hairpin bend at the exit. With the second car you continue the journey in the direction of Postalm. When you reach the plateau, you come to a turnoff to the left (Blonde Hütte, Lienbachhof, etc.). Turn off and about 100m before the bridge over the Rußbach you can park on the left side at 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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