Kobelache

Kobelache,Kobelach,1ère partie:Merlin's world - 2ème partie:Kanguru jumping,Kobel-Ache,Kobelach(e),Känguru Jumping,Merlins World

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Vorarlberg **Subregion:** Bezirk Dornbirn **Town:** Dornbirn		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h55
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 770m	**Altitude exit:** 510m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: 1600m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 24
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 20.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (33)	**Info:** ★ 2.9 (27)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (31)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Really nice canyon that has quite a few jumps, slides, and scenic attractions to offer. Due to the easy accessibility, the beautiful jumps and the many emergency exits, commercial operators drag masses of tourists through the stream on nice weekends. However, these can usually be easily overtaken. The parts of the canyon have been given different names, the upper part being called Merlin's World as far as I know, the lower part Kanguru Jumping. There is also an exit called "Jungels End".

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The Kobelache flows into the Enz, which has an automatic water level. The Kobelache should be feasible up to 2 m³/s.

Access: (machine translated)
Freeway exit Dornbirn Süd and then continue in the direction of Gütle. It is best to leave a bike (or second car) at the inn in Gütle and continue by car in the direction of Ebnit. Cross the Rappenlochschlucht gorge over a bridge and after another 650m a road branches off to the left uphill. Follow this road until you reach a saddle where you can park.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the road for about 80m until a forest road branches off to the left, which you follow to the bridge over the Kobelach.

Tour: (machine translated)
Follow the stream at a leisurely pace until it cuts in completely unexpectedly. Here you rappel to the left, not slide. The pool is not deep enough. It goes down in a narrow area over several smaller jumps and a 12m rappel. After about 45 minutes, the terrain becomes more open again and you come to a large pool that actually invites you to jump. But be careful, it needs to be checked. It keeps silting up! When you reach the dam wall, you are at the exit of Merlin's World. Exit the path on the right via a metal ladder and follow the path downwards to a small bridge. (Alternatively, you can rappel from the metal ladder over the dam).

Alternatively, exit to the left before the dam wall. Here you come to several fixed ropes in the forest and finally to the hiking trail in the direction of Amannsbrücke. As an extremely nice rappel, you can abseil approx. 25m out of the window of the bridge (rappel point set up) onto an elevation (on the right) and jump from there to the test or you can descend to the left before the bridge and back into the Kobelache. The bypass on the left is definitely a worthwhile alternative.

Here you path into the lower part. Once again, you first follow the open stream until it suddenly narrows again. Pass under a bridge to reach the first higher jump, which is reached via a fixed rope on the left. This is immediately followed by the highest jump of the tour, but caution is advised here too. The pond is not at the same depth everywhere! Be sure to check the next two jumps (S6, S3) marked on the topographic view. After a C6, more open terrain with slides and smaller jumps follows again. You reach the highest rappel point at 25m, where you can rappel from various stands. The most obvious and most beautiful is to rappel directly through the water (left belay), the easiest from the far right in the dry (you have to climb up a bit over a rock. The belay is towards the valley, not visible from above. If there is a lot of water, rappel here dry).
Then it gets tight again and you come to the grand finale: a 3m slide exits in a 5m free fall. You plop gently into a huge dark pool, wonderful! (Alternatively, you can jump from above the slide at approx. 14 m, but cross the stream at a height of approx. 2 m before the slide. There is an anchor for a rope traverse on the orographic left side).

Return: (machine translated)
You follow the stream for a short while until you can exit onto a path on the right side. This leads us directly back to the Gütle.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.3749 9.7872
Canyon End 47.3869 9.7815
Parking at Exit 47.3912 9.7757
Parking at Entry 47.3759 9.7859

Reports:

2026-01-31 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All stands free of ice. Grödel currently still recommended. (machine translated)

2025-09-07 | Raimund | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Everything OK. (machine translated)

2025-08-24 | Fabian Preiß | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | High | Completed
Rather high water level at 1.8 m3. In the lower part a wooden shack with red fixed ropes, which was quite helpful. Thanks for that! Otherwise all good, very nice! (machine translated)

2025-08-20 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Went today in rather rainy weather. Nevertheless, only 0.3m³ in the Enz. As at the weekend, all anchors were in top condition and the fixed ropes mostly in good shape. Some will have to be replaced soon, but not yet through to the core. From the upper to the lower parts we took the way over the Amannsbrücke and did the C25 out of the window. Jumps and slides in the upper and lower sections are all possible. (machine translated)

2025-08-17 | Gaechter Michael | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All jumps and slides doable (machine translated)

2025-08-16 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
After the thunderstorm in the morning, water completely cloudy. Upper half walked on. Stands and anchors in good condition. (machine translated)

2025-08-16 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Water level was fine despite some rain before (see stone on the first picture). (machine translated)

2025-08-16 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
The upper part up to the second emergency exit can be climbed as night canyoning. Absolutely mega canyon, especially at night with colored lighting! (machine translated)

2025-08-15 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
After the Müselbach (Jungle's exit), we entered the lower Koblach. Stands and fixed ropes were ok, the pools were nicely rinsed and not sanded up. A fixed rope at the penultimate rappel is already well chafed and should probably be replaced soon. (machine translated)

2025-08-15 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Joined the Müselbach shortly before the exit of the upper part. All anchors top, fixed ropes also almost all in top condition. Very good grip. (machine translated)

2025-07-20 | Sandra Kistner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
There is currently a large branch lying across the last abseil point. Slides or rappels are still possible, however (machine translated)

2025-07-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kobelache bei Dornbirn (Vorarlberg), Wasserstand: "mittel" Verankerungen: "tip-top" Alles gut, schöne Bedingungen (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1045-kobelache-bei-dornbirn)

2025-06-29 | Christian Hanf | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Mega nice, all pools free to slide and jump. Permanently installed ropes in good condition with a few exceptions! Watch out for falling rocks in the dome! (machine translated)

2025-06-19 | Fred | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything is tiptop. (machine translated)

2025-05-27 | Steff.Nbg | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Everything is in perfect condition, known jumps can all be made. (machine translated)

2025-05-11 | Waldemar Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Everything is easy to do. Still a little slippery in places (machine translated)

Parts:
Kobelache (obere), v3 a2 III, 2min+1h+25min
Kobelache, v3 a3 III, 10min+3h30+15min

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