Saiherbach

Aqua Cowboy,Aqua-Cowboy

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Oberösterreich **Subregion:** Bezirk Gmunden **Town:** Bad Ischl		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 2h25
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 640m	**Altitude exit:** 550m	**Delta Altitude:** 90m
Canyon length: 450m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.6 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (6)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
The Saiherbach is a short but scenic canyon. It is characterized by very many abseils and few horizontal parts. The south-facing location makes it a special kind of bathing experience with a fantastic view of the Dachstein. When the water level is low, it is rather uninteresting to walk through.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Leave the Westautobahn at Regau, drive to Bad Ischl, do not exit into the center, but continue through a tunnel towards Salzburg. Take the first exit after the tunnel and after a few hundred meters you will come to a bridge over the Ischl. Cross it and after about one kilometer turn right. It is best to drive past the waterfall and use a parking lot for hikers to Jainzenberg. (Possibly also before at the roadside - but it is increasingly being built up / closed off) Then walk back to the waterfall for approx. 500m

Approach: (machine translated)
Now follow all the signs until you reach the waterfall. Here you can judge the current water flow. Approx. 50 meters before the fall, a small path branches off on the orographic right-hand side, which then winds steeply up through the forest. It is easy to overlook the turn-off to the right over the rocky ledge back towards the stream (faded colored dots on the path). When the path levels out, you come back to the stream. This is the entry point to the canyon.
You can also access the canyon via the forest road on the orographic left side of the stream:
From the hikers' parking lot, follow the asphalt road uphill to an elevated reservoir, then ascend on the forest road over three hairpin bends where an overgrown forest road branches off to the left. Continue on this forest road until you are about 20 meters above the Saiherbach stream. Here you descend pathlessly to the stream, which you reach above a 15m step. You could also try descending from the viewpoint on the forest road (bench at the bottom left, forest road turns north) directly to the actual gorge entrance.

Tour: (machine translated)
If you choose the access via the forest road, there are two more rappels: 15m from tree orographic left, then 6m from anchor with chain link orographic left in low gorge.
At the first bolt there is a fixed rope that can be used. With a little skill, the next steps can be climbed without ropes. You come to a waterfall through which you inevitably have to rappel. Apart from the cold shower, however, it should not cause any difficulties. In extreme water conditions or with beginners, a Rappel Guidé can possibly be built (bolts at the second pool). Otherwise, the three pools (C6, C3, C4) can be rappelled in one. This is followed by a somewhat blocked abseil over 7 meters. At this point at the latest, you reach the sun and have a direct view of the Dachstein (escape option on the right). There are two ways to rappel the next step. Directly over the overhang, which is somewhat more spectacular, or further to the left, which is recommended for beginners. With a 55m rope (or longer) it is possible to rappel beyond the two pools to the last rappel. This is somewhat hidden behind a boulder on the left-hand side. A fixed rope at the beginning of the block makes access easier. The last abseil point is the crowning glory of the canyon. The 35m rappel is partly directly in the waterfall, partly in front of an audience, as the hiking trail passes below.

Return: (machine translated)
From the waterfall you return to the parking lot on the already known path.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.7272 13.6161
Canyon End 47.7262 13.6161
Parking Entry and Exit 47.7248 13.6239
Parking Entry and Exit 47.7245 13.6224

Reports:

2025-08-27 | Montie | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Not quite enough water, but it is actually quite a nice little canyon. Narrower than most other canyons in this area. We took the forest road on the east side up, which adds two very boring rappels, some downclimbing, and quite a bit of slippery riverbed-hiking. Best to take the path at the waterfall!

2025-08-09 | Peter Sykora | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
At the first high abseil point, a steel rope is set up for a Rappel Guide. Fixed ropes are very practical, one is missing its sheath at 30cm, otherwise everything is fine (machine translated)

2024-10-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Saiherbach Nice, short canyon. Beautiful views, pleasant reppel (last cascade).Sometimes fix ropes.Access:Don't go to the waterfall. Walk through the village along Jaizenstrasse (you can also walk across the field, but it's easier and faster along the road). When the path forks, go left towards the canyon (there is a barrier). Once the path approaches the stream, you can go down. Entry is not marked. If you go higher, the descent is easier, but crossing the canyon can be more difficult in places (there are no stands). (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22066/observations.html)

2024-05-18 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything tiptop, water level rather too low. (machine translated)

2024-03-30 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Saiherbach (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22066/observations.html)

2024-03-30 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
everything tip top (machine translated)

2023-10-15 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Dry | 👍 Completed
All stands OK, many (very thick) fixed ropes. Unfortunately, practically dry which reduced the fun but very much (machine translated)

2023-09-18 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything is okay! (machine translated)

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