Sandbach (Inferiore)

Eigerwandschlucht

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne **Subregion:** Verwaltungskreis Interlaken-Oberhasli / Interlaken-Oberhasli administrative district **Town:** Grindelwald		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 II	**Total time:** 4h10
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1950m	**Altitude exit:** 1700m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 0.40km²
Season: September - November	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 8-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (9)	**Info:** ★ 2 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 1.9 (7)

Warnings:
inactive: *Prohibition of fishing in Bern Case C* (yearly 01.01. - 15.07.)
According to the fishing regulations of the Canton of Bern, this stretch of water may only be used from 16.07.-31.12.

Specialities:
Glacier in drainage area,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Narrow slot canyon a few meters below the surface. Autumn canyon, very cold water.
Raw data import from Descente Canyons https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/22570

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The catchment area appears small, but consists mainly of the north face of the Eiger and therefore usually has too much water or ice.

Access: (machine translated)
Wengernalpbahn to Alpiglen, note that there is another Alpiglen in Grindelwald on the other side of the Große Scheidegg.

Approach: (machine translated)
https://swisstopo.app/i/5/VVASGYRR

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon quickly becomes very narrow.
Mostly just below the surrounding boulder fields and meadows.
Two higher steps (30m), one of which is the waterfall you passed on the access.
Many narrow climbing sections in the best rock.
Be careful with too much water, it is not only cold but also mostly compressed.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail back to Alpiglen and take the train down to Grindelwald

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5939 8.0113
Canyon End 46.5989 8.0114
Parking at Exit 46.6226 8.0233
Waypoint 46.6001 8.0019

Reports:

2025-11-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sandbach (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22570/observations.html)

2025-11-03 | Ald184 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Moorings in good condition (machine translated)

2025-10-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Sandbach / Eigerwandschlucht, Wasserstand: "Wenig" Verankerungen: "Sandbach Sup. es fehlt eine M10 Platte mit Mutter, Stift vorhanden, sonst ok, unterer Teil ok, ev. sollten die Schlingenstände gelegentlich erneuert werden. " Ganze Tour zu zweit begangen. Sup. Einstieg 2120 genommen. erster Abseiler ca. 20m dann über Band links raus kraxeln, Schneebrücke ist eingestürzt. Viel Eis am Grund, gut begehbar. Objektiv nicht ganz unproblematisch. sonst super. Unten raus unter dem Eis durch ist Höhlenforschen angesagt. Etwas Eisbildung durch Spritzwasser. in der gesamten Schlucht. Landschaftlich ein Leckerbissen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1263-sandbach-eigerwandschlucht)

2024-11-05 | Alexander de Tempe | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Low water level, fair anchors. Some webbing is a bit old, but doable. Some of the small rappels can be climbed down.

2024-10-31 | Alex54 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
It is a superlative creek, although I am not a big fan of this kind of canyon so narrow it is a real treat and we had been wanting to enter it for a while xhr. We added a point, it is super recommended to bring a drill because every year with the melt something is taken away wual something, overall not even complex. (machine translated)

2024-10-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Sandbach / Eigerwandschlucht, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Ok" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1263-sandbach-eigerwandschlucht)

2024-10-27 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Superiore conditions. (machine translated)

2024-10-26 | Stephan Gehringer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
the one or other anchor could be renewed. Some downclimbs but well doable. Mega cool canyon. (machine translated)

2024-10-26 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Everything ok. Nice water level. Some older anchors and slings could be replaced in the near future. A few slightly higher places to downclimb. But easily doable. Sometimes so narrow that you have to take your rucksack off. Insane canyon under the north face of the Eiger. (machine translated)

2024-10-05 | Silvan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon. Currently very little water. (machine translated)

2024-09-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Sandbach / Eigerwandschlucht, Wasserstand: "tief" Verankerungen: "gut" Sup Einstieg bei 2120m nicht machbar, da dort zu viel Altschnee liegt. Ca. 50m tiefer gibt es auf beiden Seiten Haken, von dort 40m Abseilen bis zum Schluchtgrund. Sup-teil sehr schön und imposant, teils im Dunkeln unter Altschneefeldern durch. Inf weniger eingeschnitten, aber auch sehr schön. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1263-sandbach-eigerwandschlucht)

2024-09-21 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
All good, following Sandbach superiore. Less deep than this one, but great views of the Eiger. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Daten importiert von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/22570/Sandbach.html

Parts:
Sandbach (Inferiore), v3 a3 II, 50min+3h+20min
Sandbach (Superiore), v5 a2 V, 1h30+3h+50min