

Hetzgraben

Sitzenbach,Zitzelsbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Oberösterreich **Subregion:** Bezirk Kirchdorf **Town:** Reichraming

Difficulty: not as difficult

Grading: v3 a3 IV

Total time: 8h

Approachtime: 3h

Tourtime: 4h

Returntime: 1h

Altitude entry: 860m

Altitude exit: 560m

Delta Altitude: 300m

Canyon length: m

Highest rapell: 17m

Amount rapells: 16

Transport: Bike/Mountainbike

Rock type:

Drainage area: km²

Season:

Orientation:

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 2.9 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)

The Reichraminger Hintergebirge has quite a few scenic features to offer. Several canyons, which were once used by loggers as transport routes, crisscross this terrain. One of them is the Hetzgraben, which is especially impressive because of its length, many short rappels and variety. The Hetzgraben is only really narrowly cut in a few short places, emergency exits are possible but very tedious. Since this canyon is very remote and can only be reached by bike, the time required is relatively high. The canyon is completely in the Kalkalpen National Park (access restrictions?)

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

By car you drive on the Westautobahn until the exit towards Steyr. Once there, follow the Enns upstream to Reichraming. Either park the car here in town or continue upstream along the Reichramingbach and park in the national park (attention: fee required).

Approach: (machine translated)

With the bike you go, as already described the Reichramingbach along, until you branch off at the Maieralm over a bridge to the right in the direction of Annerlsteg (written). There arrived one crosses 3 tunnels. After that you turn to the right. After two more tunnels you come to a bridge. Here, or a little further along the forest road, you can park your bikes. Caution. This forest road is not open for cyclists, so you have to hide your bikes well. At the bridge several forest roads cross. The one that initially leads to the SW is followed steeply uphill to the saddle to the Hetzgraben, and further downhill to the second prominent valley. After about 100m a small path leads down to the Hetzgraben. This is not easy to find, but you can just as well make your own way through the forest to the Hetzgraben.

Tour: (machine translated)

No wetsuit is needed for the first 500 meters. You simply follow the streambed to the first pool. It begins with a 6m rappel, followed by a slippery passage that can be climbed around (bolts on the left). At the next rappel point, no piton or the like was found at the time of the author's ascent. Probably this has been covered by leaves, so it is worth looking for it. Otherwise, the normal piton on the right side can be used (be sure to check with a hammer). Some small pools and a tree trunk blocking lead to a slide which has to be rappelled down (C7). A blockage follows (C4) and a nice small slide into a pond. Here the canyon becomes very narrow for the first time. A 10m rappel ends in a pond, followed by a passage that can be climbed around to the left to reach the pitons that allow rappelling to the prominent tree trunk. On a chain you rappel 10m into a long pond followed by more ponds and blockings. You reach an abseil point about 2 meters high (prominent tree). Until you reach the next rappel (C6), you have to overcome some blockages through trees. After that, there are again some pools and blockages until you reach a section where the stream disappears into the ground for a short time. Here is the largest rappel point of 17m, followed by a blockage and a rappel point over 6m. After another blockage and you come to an old hermitage. Two tree trunks wedged at a height of about 20 meters and chutes cut by hand in the rock walls remind us of the hard times of the timber drift. Rocky passages and tree trunk blockages alternate until you reach a 5-meter-high rappelling point with a prominent tree trunk. Two more blockages have to be overcome before you reach a chain on the right side that takes you 9m deeper. After a few boulders you reach the last rappel point in a pool. From here you have to follow the stream for another half hour until you reach the wheels. But even this part is still very scenic.

Return: (machine translated)

Get off at the bridge, back to the bikes and roll out.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [47.7477 14.4440](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [47.7549 14.5322](#)

Canyon End [47.7708 14.4678](#)

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