Bärglibach

Canyon de Bärglibach

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne **Subregion:** Verwaltungskreis Frutigen-Niedersimmental / Frutigen-Niedersimmental administrative district **Town:** Kandersteg		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 6h10
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 1h10
Altitude entry: 1950m	**Altitude exit:** 1610m	**Delta Altitude:** 340m
Canyon length: 0m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 4.00km²
Season: August - October	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.2 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (5)

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:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x55m

Summary: (machine translated)
An open-air hike with a great view of Lake Oeschinensee. Two short, scenic sections through gorges along the trail to the Blüemlisal Hut.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Approach to Kandersteg. Park there at the cable car (from 6h CHF8.-Stand 2024)

Approach: (machine translated)
Option 1: All on foot; up to the Oeschinensee; there follow the hiking trail; cross the Wyssbach; then cross the Bärglibach at the lower/upper section. In a sharp right turn before the Oberbärgli huts, the path leads directly into the stream (about 2h 30min).
Option 2 : Take the cable car, descend from the mountain station to the lake and follow the hiking trail as described above (approx. 70min) ascent 24 CHF as of 2024.

Tour: (machine translated)
The upper section begins with a series of 7 waterfalls up to 42 meters high, with plenty of water and some sharp edges. There are about 5 minutes of walking passages between the upper and lower sections. The lower, more aquatic section has an exit with a fantastic view of Lake Oeschinen.
The final rappel down to the lake is about 55 meters.

The longer rappels may be split into shorter sections (??)

Return: (machine translated)
Continue to the lake and follow a path along the shore; partly in the water, partly secured by ropes until you reach the hiking trail again after about 20 minutes. Follow this down to the parking lot (approx. 45 min)

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5089 7.7333
Canyon End 46.5037 7.7281
Parking Entry and Exit 46.4971 7.6825

Reports:

2026-10-24 | Stephan Gehringer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's fine... Water level: high at the top, low to normal at the bottom (machine translated)

2026-10-24 | RetoBaum | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Climbed after a cold snap and snowfall. The superiore section was bone-dry. On the C42, the RD (1,800 m) tributary provided plenty of fun thanks to heavy snowfall; at sub-zero temperatures on the RD wall, there were many icicles and falling ice. The route has an inferior flow, with C55 as the highlight—where you're definitely still going to get really wet. If the cable car is crowded, be sure to reserve a time slot online in advance (Öschinensee is a tourist hotspot and gets overrun even in mixed weather). For the same reason: The entry is right on the hiking trail, which gets very crowded—start climbing discreetly and finish setting up your gear in the streambed so you don't attract inexperienced, unroped adventurers and tempt them to follow you. (machine translated)

2026-10-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Bärglibach Dc-Neige et glaceÉquipent ras..beaucoup de monopoints (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22772/observations.html)

2026-10-17 | Sascha Schäfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's okay; there are two anchors on the tall rappels. (machine translated)

2024-10-25 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Shortened the access with the gondola (from the mountain station 65min to the entry) The upper part is nice, the lower part is definitely much better, watery, more beautiful,... Anchors ok so far (on the first C40 the possible transfer was loose after 10m - we skipped it) (machine translated)

2024-10-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Bärgli und Oberbärgli, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "nur mono-point, aber alle ok" Schöner, kleiner Bach im Berner Oberland; auf jeden Fall lohnend! Sehr schön auch der Weg zurück direkt am Seeufer entlang. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1234-oberbaergli-und-baergli)

2023-10-29 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice thing, nice light in the gulch inside. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2020-08-11 | Bubtore | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
Walked past while hiking at the time, looks like a good doable water level in the photo. (machine translated)