Ochsenschlucht (unterer Teil)

Ochsenschlucht,Feistritz

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Kärnten **Subregion:** Bezirk Spittal an der Drau **Town:** Berg im Drautal		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v3 a5 IV	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 0min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 850m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (3)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 40m +30m

Summary: (machine translated)
IMPORTANT: The access to the canyons must be announced! For contact details see approach.

The canyon is very aquatic, with sometimes turbulent pools and bulging water.
Be sure to check the water level and enter only in stable weather conditions!

In some places it is recommended to build a ropeway, so that the whole group does not have to go through the turbulent pools, accordingly 30m - 40m ropes should be carried to have enough rope for the ropeways.

The canyon itself is beautiful and definitely something for aquatic fans!####merge-infos#### Grading: v4 a4 IV
Timing: 1h30/3h/10min####merge-start####Scenic aquatic canyon with lots of water.####merge-end####

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Approach:
Exit the A10 at the Spital junction in the direction of Lienz on the B100. Follow the B100 for 34km (approx. 30 min) until you reach Berg an der Drau. At the train station Berg turn left and cross the bridge over the river Drau. Here you stay on the road for about 2,5km until you reach the cycling station "Sandhof". Here you continue on the road for about 150m, crossing the stream of the Ochsenschlucht (Feistritz), before on the left - directly after the stream - the parking lot appears (picnic area). Here you can park the vehicles with the dry things. In general, the parking lot should be used to park the majority of cars there. At the upper parking lot the number of parking spaces is limited (2 cars). At the lower parking lot the equipment can already be prepared. Also the wetsuit can be put on already here (access from the upper parking lot about 15min through sloping terrain.

IMPORTANT: Before entering the canyons you have to ask for permission (best the day before). For this call Mario Duller from Ares Canyoning (+43 676 844425280; office@bikeschule.at). Mario has leased the canyon and knows the farmer over whose land the private access road goes!

To get to the upper parking lot, head back in the direction of the Sandhof bike station. Directly at the Sandhof the road leads uphill on the right. After about 500m, a gravel road leads downhill to the right, blocked by a large tree trunk. Get off here and walk to the weir of the stream for water control. It is useless to check the water level at the lower parking lot of the stream, because the water is diverted at the weir! A reference photo of the water level of our walk can be found below, this is the "normal water level", which can be challenging at one point or another.

If the water level is ok, you drive the road for about 3km uphill. After some serpentines in the forest you come out at an alp where you keep to the right. You drive again briefly into the forest before you come out again at the mountain pasture and you drive directly past the farm and a red deer enclosure. The asphalt road turns into a gravel road that leads further up the slope. Enter the forest again, keep to the right at the turn-offs, rather after 500m you arrive at the upper parking lot (the path to the canyon goes directly from the gravel road downhill to the right).

Approach: (machine translated)
You simply follow the path downhill. The initially very wide path becomes narrower and narrower and becomes more and more a hunter's path that leads directly into the canyons. However, the footprints are clearly recognizable.

Ascent on foot from the lower parking lot about 90 min. Follow the gravel bed up to a weir with water drainage, then left up to an asphalt road with no driving. Follow this road uphill. At a fork, take the road on the right. After you have passed a farm, take a gravel road uphill over meadows into the woods to another crossroads. Here you climb to the right until you reach the ridge to the Ochsenschlucht. Here an overgrown forest road leads to the right, first with two hairpin bends, then with a long, falling crossing into the Ochsenschlucht. At a streambed you can descend into the canyon (possibly you can also enter further up).

Tour: (machine translated)
Once you have reached the streambed, you follow it for about 150m before you come to the first rappel. The tour is in no way to be underestimated, as it carries quite a bit of water. During the tour there is practically no chance to get off. If the water level is critical at the first rappel, it is recommended to turn back! Also, the weather situation must be closely observed during the ascent, as the catchment area of the Ochsenschlucht is very large!

If the water level is ok and the first rappel has been completed, the really sensational part of the canyon follows after a short walking terrain. Abseil point follows abseil point, through partly very turbulent and deep pools. The canyon was set up during the inspection on 2.6.2019 in the course of an advanced training of the Carinthian canyon guides so that virtually all dangerous pools can be bypassed with cable cars. However, it is recommended, especially for the person who will be the first to rappel and set up any ropeways, that they have white water experience. In some places in the canyons, there are also pitons for setting up rope traverses leading to the rappelling point.

The canyon is not impressive for its high rappel, but for its aquatic!

Return: (machine translated)
At about 700Hm you have then completed the last rappel. This is followed by about 30 minutes of walking passages and block hopping in a sensational scenic backdrop through a gorge! When the canyon opens up more and more, you come to the weir, where you have previously checked the water level. Here leads or. right a way down, which one follows for further approx. 5 min. You come out directly at the parking lot where the cars were parked.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.7136 13.1250
Parking at Exit 46.7326 13.1230
Canyon End 46.7289 13.1280

Reports:

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We only hiked the lower part of the Ochsenschlucht canyon. The access trail is still clearly visible and, except for one spot where a small landslide in the last few meters leading to the canyon tore away the temporarily secured railing, it’s also in good condition. Quite the opposite of the belay stations in the canyon. We left a Prusik cord at one belay station in the canyon (see photos). The last belay station is completely missing!!! We rappelled down on the right side using a piton. I strongly recommend bringing a drill set on your next visit! Otherwise, it’s a beautiful canyon—aquatic, deeply carved, and especially stunning at the exit! (machine translated)

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Parts:
Ochsenschlucht (oberer Teil), v3 a4 III, 30min+2h+15min
Ochsenschlucht (unterer Teil), v3 a5 IV, 0min+3h+0min