Koppenbach 'Teufelsschlucht'

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Salzburg **Subregion:** Bezirk Salzburg-Umgebung **Town:** Grödig		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 III	**Total time:** 1h30
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 1h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 610m	**Altitude exit:** 500m	**Delta Altitude:** 110m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 2.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.3 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 1.8 (5)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x40m 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short canyon with historical background; many slippery places; mostly little water; sufficiently equipped; no emergency exits for 1h; well combinable with Rosittenbach or circular trail to Fürstenbrunner Quellhöhle; exposure north.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Exit the A10 (Tauernautobahn) at Salzburg Süd. Immediately afterwards, drive through the village of Grödig and continue (left) on the L237 via Glanegg to Fürstenbrunn. At the exit of the village there is a turnaround area for the bus (before the steep road towards Großgmain!) Here you enter the Brunntalweg. You can either park on the right just after the large wooden paddle wheel or drive over the bridge and park your car in the parking lot in front of the Untersberg Museum Fürstenbrunn.

Approach: (machine translated)
Directly at the parking lot you can see the Glanbach (not Koppenbach). From the parking lot, follow the Brunntalweg on the orographic left side of the stream to the exit of the road. After the last houses, you will see a boulder barrier on the right (lower exit Koppenbach). The short but very steep and rarely used path up towards the ghost town begins right at the striking large boulder. The path leads along a former marble quarry track that has been partially blasted through the rock. At the exit of the track rock face (after approx. 15min ascent approx. 640m) there is a small fortification wall on the right. Along the wall, continue straight ahead to an old steep path with the remains of a rope railing down to the stream at approx. 615m.

Tour: (machine translated)
The Koppenbach is also called the Devil's Gorge by the locals and is incorrectly named Glanbach on most maps. However, the Glanbach only begins at the foot of the mountain (at the confluence of the Koppenbach, Kühllbach and Fürstenbrunner Quelhöhle). The short canyon, which is more interesting after rainfall, is rich in vegetation with several small steps and slippery spots. Small chutes are better rappelled than slid due to their narrow width. At the highest step (20m cascade) there is a chain anchor, otherwise mostly only Inox single pitons. The best light is available from midday and the lush green moss provides a beautiful contrast to the dark gorge surroundings. For a short morning/afternoon hop through a small canyon or as a combination with the neighboring "Rosittenbach", the tour is always worthwhile. The "ghost town" (marble quarry), Fürstenbrunn spring cave (built in 1875), the small Grassl cave (esoteric power place) and the Karlohr (22m shaft cave) are also historically interesting and within easy reach. All of these destinations can be visited on a shorter circular hike. As a starting point, we recommend access via the old track path to the ghost town (see Internet).

Return: (machine translated)
You have two options:
1. leave the stream after the prominent clamping block on the right at approx. 540m and soon reach the steep access path.
2. after the prominent clamping block, you bypass the last cascades on the left and at the end rappel approx. 20m from a tree. Shortly afterwards, exit the stream on the right before the bedload barrier and follow the road to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 47.7408 12.9918
Canyon Start 47.7385 12.9926

Reports:

2025-07-01 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Dry | Completed
We had water in the pools but no running water. Beautiful canyon, very steep ascent. Anchor ok, but not perfect. 1x20 and 1x40 is a good ropes recommendation We were allowed to stand in their parking lot with the museum's permission. (machine translated)

2024-06-22 | Susanne | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Walked after rain. Many obstructions, all anchors ok. (machine translated)

2024-04-14 | Montie | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Nice little canyon! Parking is better at 47.742, 12.991, there is an official parking space there (costs a little bit of money but doesn't annoy any people living there). Parking at the museum is probably fine on the days they are closed. The ascent is cool and short, but very steep. Lots of trees in the canyon on this day, some of them really rather annoying, which caused us to need at least 1.5 hours in the canyon instead of the 1 hour in the description. I can imagine it is doable in 1 hour if it is clean though. There are currently so many trees in the final open part, that it is easier to just go out on the right side after the canyon opens up. Anchors were ok for the most part.

2024-01-02 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All hooks ok, some clogging (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2021-05-30 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | High | Completed
was walked after prolonged rainfall, set some new Inox boron hooks (machine translated)