Fugenbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Vorarlberg **Subregion:** Landkreis Oberallgäu **Town:** Sibratsgfäll		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1077m	**Altitude exit:** 977m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: 920m	**Highest rapell:** 16m	**Amount rapells:** 11
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 6.19km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (6)	**Info:** ★ 1.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (3)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 20m

Summary: (machine translated)
A rather attractive forest canyon. Beautiful rock formations and super slides. Very well-washed-out for limestone. According to the signage, the owners have imposed a strict ban on access! However, upon inquiry with the authorities, no official ban on access to the stream could be confirmed. Access is, however, recommended exclusively from the German side. Parts of the stream are commercially operated.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
https://vowis.vorarlberg.at/stationsInfo/tbl_Abflussstationen.aspx

Access: (machine translated)
The road from Illertal via Rohrmoos is closed to motor traffic. From the B 19 near Fischen (between Sonthofen and Oberstdorf) we turn right and take the district road OA 9 towards Obermaiselstein. Passing this village, we head over the Riedberg Pass (approx. 1400 m above sea level) down to Balderschwang. A little later we cross the border into Austria. About 5.5 km after the border, turn left to Sibratsgfäll. You pass the village and continue straight ahead, always in roughly the same direction and altitude. A former landslide means that the tar surface is missing in places. About 3 km after Sibratsgfäll you come to a road widening with a small (tool, formerly customs) house, on the left a wooden well trough. Park the car here (960 m above sea level).
You can also drive from Bregenz/Dornbirn through the Bregenz Forest via Hittisau to Sibratsgfäll.

Approach: (machine translated)
Former access, now forbidden by the landowner: Follow the road back for approx. 100 m (towards Sibratsgfäll), then take the dirt road, which branches off at an acute angle, up to the right (open and close a barbed wire if necessary). After overcoming 70 meters of altitude difference, you come to a small tarred road, which you follow to the right and then cross two small streams. The road now describes a long left-hand bend and crosses another stream. Cross this stream on a dirt track that branches off to the right at the exit of the left-hand bend. You can now either walk directly along this side stream of the Fugenbach orographic. left in a south-easterly direction down to the Fugenbach (pathless) or follow the field path for a few hundred meters until footprints lead down to the right to the Fugenbach (partly through swampy terrain).
At the access from the road to the entry point, there are now signs with the following inscription: "Canyoning in the Fugenbach prohibited. In case of infringement, action for disturbance of possession - The landowners". An action for adverse possession in Austria should not be underestimated.
According to the relevant topograph. Maps (OSM map see under "Weblinks") there is an alternative access route on the German side of the stream. However, here you enter the stream much further up and therefore have to cover an additional distance in the stream until it gets interesting. Up to this entry point, this is a mountain hike and as such is not prohibited.

Tour: (machine translated)
Border river between the municipalities of Sibratsgfäll in the district of Bregenz in the Austrian state of Vorarlberg and Balderschwang in the Bavarian-Swabian district of Oberallgäu, also the border between the Bregenz Forest and the Allgäu Alps. A short but varied tour in an attractive setting, without any difficulties, also suitable for beginners and generally recommended.
Since canyoning is generally forbidden in Germany, stick to the orographic right - Austrian - side! :-)

Return: (machine translated)
Either turn right onto the road before the road bridge or, where the stream emerges from the gulch after the road bridge, continue downstream for a few meters and then follow the relatively clear footpaths left up to the road and on this left over the bridge to the car (10 min.).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.4147 10.0841
Parking Entry and Exit 47.4135 10.0715
Canyon End 47.4134 10.0726

Reports:

2026-09-27 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Anchors are in place, but some have been bent by debris. A few jumps and slides are doable. Better than expected... (machine translated)

2026-09-05 | Lipp Niklas | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We hiked the entire canyon, and everything was fine so far. Access from the German side was easy; there were no signs prohibiting entry. However, we went too far up and then had to hike about 200 meters along the river, but that wasn’t a problem. Otherwise, it’s a beautiful canyon with crystal-clear pools. (machine translated)

2024-07-23 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
We got on at anchor point 10 and got off after anchor point 6 (before the bridge). We had 3x20m ropes with us - that was perfect. We had quite a lot of water, slides / jumps were not possible (water too cloudy to check the depth of the pools). I will try to revise the description in the next few days. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/22094

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2021-08-27 | Daniel Sturm | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Committed on August 24, 2020 (machine translated)