Rudach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Vorarlberg **Subregion:** Bezirk Dornbirn **Town:** Dornbirn		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 IV	**Total time:** 2h15
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 995m	**Altitude exit:** 849m	**Delta Altitude:** 146m
Canyon length: 300m	**Highest rapell:** 65m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 3.51km²
Season: April - October	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (19)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (14)	**Belay:** ★ 2.8 (18)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 70m

Summary: (machine translated)
A rappel canyon that can be explored wonderfully in combination with the entire Kobelache, making for a substantial day hike (Dornbirn's Triple). If that’s not long enough for you, you can venture out on the legendary Dornbirn’s Quartet (Spätenbach – Rudach – Kobelache Upper + Lower).

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

Access: (machine translated)
First to the upper parking lot for the access to the Kobelache (see there); then further up the forest road along the Kobelache. We cross its streambed 3 times. Immediately before the 4th bridge (approx. 1.5 km from the Kobelache parking lot) we take the track branching off to the left (eastward). Again we cross streams 2 times (the 2nd time in a sharp left turn). From our forest road, which now leads uphill in a northerly direction, we can see the Kobelalpe, which is located on the left below, and shortly afterwards we reach a small plateau in a right-hand bend. Here we can park the car.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the aforementioned right turn, we follow the forest road for about 40m in an easterly direction before we descend pathlessly to the left (northwards) into the streambed of the Rudach.

Tour: (machine translated)
After a few meters in the streambed, a few smaller steps follow (at the first step, which can also be downclimbed, anchors are somewhat hidden in a downstream arch) before we reach a higher drop (approx. 40m). We rappel down this in two parts. This is followed by a rappel of approx. 20m; if you rappel over the trapped root stump, you can stay out of the stream for the most part. After another rappel (approx. 14m), we take the handrail to the belay above the C65. There has already been an intermediate belay in this wall, which is now below us, but you should not rely on it, as the rappel (in fall line) lies in the catchment area of the ray (albeit on its edge) when the spring floods thunder down.

Return: (machine translated)
After the final high waterfall in a wide arc pathless uphill in a westerly direction. A few meters below the ridge we reach a hiking trail that leads us along the edge of the large meadow, past the Kobelalpe, up to the parked car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.3661 9.7912
Canyon End 47.3684 9.7900
Parking Entry and Exit 47.3659 9.7912

Reports:

2026-09-26 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
We started Dornbirn's "Triple" with the Rudach. So far, everything's fine. (machine translated)

2026-09-02 | Lipp Niklas | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Everything's fine so far. (machine translated)

2026-07-25 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything is fine (except for the U-shaped glued anchor for the fixed rope mentioned below). (machine translated)

2026-05-23 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
everything tip top (machine translated)

2026-05-10 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Stands all OK. First U-anchor at the rope traverse (ortographic right) slightly bent (approx. 20 degrees), with a cut on one side and no conclusive bonding. Probably before the fourth rappel. Otherwise, as always, a dream, especially with Müselbach + Kobelache (machine translated)

2026-04-25 | Waldemar Engelhardt | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Very slippery in places, otherwise everything was fine. Cold water (machine translated)

2025-09-07 | Raimund | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
all top (machine translated)

2025-08-15 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Not done
The wood in the area of the first two rappels is almost completely gone, canyon is easily accessible. Stands OK, first fixed rope has complete sheath damage. (machine translated)

2025-06-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Low | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Rudach wenig wasseralle stände perfektnoch viel holz im canyon----Peu d'eauTout est parfaitIl y a encore beaucoup de bois dans le canyon (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21863/observations.html)

2025-06-19 | Fred | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All stands ok, still a lot of wood in places, very slippery. (machine translated)

2025-05-03 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Forestry work is currently taking place on weekdays in the area of the first two rappels. There is a lot of fir wood and branches as well as two whole trunks up to abseil point no. 6. You can get through. Stands OK. Fixed ropes worn through to the core in places. (machine translated)

2025-04-12 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
The first few meters after entry (1st rappel) quite a lot of fresh wood/tree trunks in the canyon due to tree felling work. Stands all ok. (machine translated)

2024-10-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Rudach (Vorarlberg), Wasserstand: "hoch" Verankerungen: "sehr gut" Alles tip-top (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1159-rudach-vorarlberg)

2024-10-15 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Everything tip-top, very nice water level (machine translated)

2024-08-15 | Gregor Bernsteiner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything top ◫ (machine translated)

2024-08-11 | Gaechter Michael | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Very little water , all anchoring io (machine translated)

2024-08-10 | Mitch | |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All good. A little slippery (machine translated)