

# Dorferbach

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<b>Country:</b> Österreich / Austria <b>Region:</b> Tirol <b>Subregion:</b> Bezirk Lienz <b>Town:</b> Prägraten am Großvenediger		
<b>Difficulty:</b> a little difficult	<b>Grading:</b> v3 a4 III	<b>Total time:</b> 4h17
<b>Approachtime:</b> 10min	<b>Tourtime:</b> 3h30	<b>Returntime:</b> 37min
<b>Altitude entry:</b> 2160m	<b>Altitude exit:</b> 1650m	<b>Delta Altitude:</b> 510m
<b>Canyon length:</b> m	<b>Highest rapell:</b> 20m	<b>Amount rapells:</b> 14
<b>Transport:</b> on Foot	<b>Rock type:</b>	<b>drainage area:</b> km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Season:</b>	<b>Orientation:</b>	<b>Best Time:</b>
<b>Rating:</b> ★ 4.6 (5)	<b>Info:</b> ★ 3 (3)	<b>Belay:</b> ★ 1.7 (4)
<b>Specialities:</b> Winter canyon,		
<b>Gear:</b> Ropes: 2x40		
<b>Summary:</b> (machine translated) The Dorferbach is a stream that can only be walked from the exit of October to the beginning of November. It is fed by a glacier and has too much water in summer to be passable. Only in October/November, when the temperature at night at 2000m is at or below 0°, the Dorferbach becomes passable. Accordingly, you should be equipped for the walk!  The gorge has several gorges, which are interrupted by longer walking passages in the streambed. He impresses especially geologically, because he has "eaten" through beautifully grained serpentine, partly interspersed with beautiful quartz veins.  It is a gorgeous glacial canyon that is highly impressive geologically. Beautiful quartz vein eaten through by the stream. Several rock gates/rock bridges. Unique canyon section under the landslide through below the Gumpachkreuz. Can only be done when it is freezing above 2000m at night, otherwise impassable due to high water level, appropriate equipment and possibly warming drinks necessary. Not for people who can not deal with cold, narrowness and darkness. South exposure, thus in sunshine even in late autumn good lighting conditions		
<b>Hydrology:</b> Begehung nur möglich wenn es über 2000m in der Nacht friert, da sonst unbegehrbar wegen zu hohem Wasserstand, dementsprechende Ausrüstung und möglicherweise wärmendende Getränke notwendig.  Gute Zeit zum Begehen wäre Ende Oktober bis Anfang November.		
<b>Access:</b> (machine translated) Drive to Lienz in Osttirol and then continue about 26km on the B108 to Matrei. At Matrei turn into the Virgental and drive about 17km to Hinterbichl. Drive through Hinterbichl and over the bridge of the Dorferbach (on the right you can see an old mill). 700m after the bridge you take the first possible turn to the right, up the mountain. After another 1,3km you come to the parking lot "Johannishütte". Park here.  To make the access to the Johannishütte comfortable, which is especially recommended at the time of year when the Dorferbach is only passable, you can book the Venedigertaxi the day before. The cab takes you up the mountain to the Johannishütte, which shortens the access from about 2h to about 10min. Venedigertaxi: Phone +43 4877 5369 E-Mail: info@huettentaxi.at www.huettentaxi.at		

**Approach:** (machine translated)

10min

From the Johannishütte you walk uphill along the gravel road and after about 100m cross the Zettalunitzbach stream in the direction of the "bouldering area". Follow the first clearly recognizable path until you reach the Dorferbach. Follow this upstream until you reach a small wooden bridge at the beginning of the gorge of the Dorferbach at about 2160m.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

Ca 3,5h

Tour description: ca 3,5h

The first gorge begins at 2160m directly at a wooden bridge under which there is a rock arch. The first rappel is either a 6m rappel or a 4m jump. There is a small rappel followed by a nice downclimb, short swim and walking passages before the stream makes a 90° left turn, becomes open again and you pass the Johannishütte.

After a longer walking passage in the streambed, past the Johannishütte, you come to the next gorge, which again starts at a wooden bridge. Here you will find probably one of the largest exposed quartz veins going through the middle of a stream. The village stream has really hollowed out the quartz vein - this place alone would be worth doing the stream - however, the exciting is yet to come.

Past the beautiful quartz vein follows a small swimming passage and you come to a striking clamping block under which you go below. It becomes increasingly narrow and you are in front of the next beautiful rock arch, which was eaten into the stone. Here you rappel 5m before you come after about 50m walking and downclimb to the next beautiful rock arch. Here the first person should rappel into the pool and check if it is possible to jump.

During our ascent, this pool was jumpable.

There follows an open walking passage, under another rock arch below, to the first higher rappel (about 17m).

After another walking passages follows another jump before one arrives after another walking passages at the dam wall of the small power station. Up to here you are on the way for about 1.5 hours.

Here you leave the stream and walk along the forest road to the Gumpachkreuz.

At the Gumpach cross, follow the hiking trail downhill in the direction of Dorferbach. The 3rd gorge section begins directly in front of the Felschaos. Here begins a unique dark gorge section with fantastic geological forms! The Dorferbach was buried here by a large landslide and has eaten its way further into the rock under the landslide. The entry into the rock chaos is located or. left where you squeeze through a small hole in the rock chaos. A clamping block follows through which you have to crawl underneath. An extremely dark swimming passage follows on the right! past a clamping block. After another narrow passage where you squeeze past to the left, you see daylight again and to the left above you see the road. The first 8m rappel in this part follows under another huge clamping block. Here comes to a beautiful passage out of the darkness and you can see the fantastic panorama out of the village valley. There follows another dry rappel at a clamping block again into the darkness. After another rappel compellingly in the water follows a small downclimb or 5m rappel on the right, then another 15m rappel before one stands again for the next beautiful rock bridge in the darkness. Here another 15m rappel leads to another walk and downclimb, as well as a small swim of about 20m before you come to the exit of the 3rd and probably one of the most unique gorge sections in Austria. Directly above you is the bridge of the road to the Johannishütte.

The 4th part is relatively discontinuous and open. It begins with a downclimb and a tributary or. left. After another walking passages you come to a 5m jump. After a small walking passage, one stands in front of a large block. Here you either climb down orographic right or turn left, climb under the big block into the small cave and come out below the small waterfall (worthwhile). There is a small 4m rappel followed by a larger rappel cascade of 18m, 15m and 7m. After a downclimb you leave the village stream or. left at the serpentine quarry (1760Hm).

To get to the last mini-part, walk along the road until you reach a large bridge over the Dorferbach. Cross this to the orographic right bank and then climb about 100m up the stream into the Dorferbach. Directly under the bridge is the anchor for the 10m rappel. Probably this pool is also jumpable. It is recommended to leave the Dorferbach or. left after the further pools, because from now on only river walk follows. Exit orographic left at about 1650 Hm

**Return:** (machine translated)

30-45min

Stay on the forest road for about 30-45min until you get back to the Johannishütte parking lot.

**Coordinates:**

Parking Entry and Exit [47.0239 12.3320](#)

Waterlevel Meter Site [47.0250 12.3325](#)

Canyon Start [47.0621 12.3335](#)

Canyon End [47.0346 12.3322](#)

Intermediate Canyon Exit [47.0597 12.3331](#)

Intermediate Canyon Exit [47.0448 12.3320](#)

Intermediate Canyon Exit [47.0399 12.3328](#)

Intermediate Canyon Exit [47.0507 12.3315](#)

**Reports:**

2024-11-02 | PeterAlbertini | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 📍★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍀 Completed

Schöne Gletscherschlucht. Ausgezeichnete Bedingungen! Obwohl ein heißer Tag. Auch im oberen Teil hervorragende Bedingungen. Route von 3 Personen aus der CanyonEast Gruppe (machine translated)

2024-10-13 | Joey CIA | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍀 Completed

Part 1-5 walked. Water level ok or rather quite sporty in parts 1+2 after numerous inflows, but doable. Then after the power station and water drainage to the start part 3 superiore conditions. Part 3 is highly recommended if the water level passes. A few loose anchors pulled up. Superiore day. Access by cab. (machine translated)

2024-10-06 | Peter Lampacher | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 📍★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🍀 Completed

Parts 2 to 5 walked, very good conditions. (machine translated)

2024-02-04 | Peter Lampacher | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 📍★★ | 🌊 Low | 🍀 Completed

Winter ascent of sections: 1st and 2nd part not walked (too much snow) 3rd section climbed, we had to bypass one section (blocked with snow) 4th part not climbed, too much snow in the canyon and half-broken cornices above 5th part climbed Water level ideal. Access and tour threatened by numerous avalanche tracks. We crossed at least 5 large avalanche cones. Better in late fall, before major snowfalls. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 | |

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