Sulzer Wasserfall

Almbachklamm,Ludlbach

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Country: Deutschland / Germany **Region:** Oberbayern / Upper Bavaria **Subregion:** Landkreis Berchtesgadener Land **Town:** Marktschellenberg		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 2h20
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 750m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 260m	**Highest rapell:** 28m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 1.80km²
Season: April - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 9-14 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (11)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m, 1x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
A beautiful, short vertical canyon with no trail; a few narrow sections; a half-day tour; easily combined with Kargraben, Rothmannbach, or Weißbach; limestone and dolomite; despite its name, the water is clean ;-); approx. 1.5 km² catchment area; well-equipped; belay stations were renovated in 2017; south-facing; €9 trail maintenance fee (2026) if a shuttle car is parked at Kugelmühle. Canyoneers are generally not required to pay the €9 fee. Here, the treasurer will let you through. Alternatively, you can walk down the stream to the stone steps and get out there.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Although the Sulzer Waterfall does not have its own direct automatic water level gauge, the Berchtesgadener Ache water level monitoring station is located nearby, where the Sulzer Bach and the Almbachklamm flow into the river.

A normal water level can be expected to be 10–15 m³/s. Above 15 m³/s, the section continuing through the Almbachklamm is likely to become very aquatic. In addition, it will be difficult to reach the exposed belay station after the third rappeller.

Access: (machine translated)
1st possibility with shuttle car: From Salzburg Süd drive towards Berchtesgaden. After the village of Marktschellenberg there is a long straight. At the exit of the straight there is a turn-off over a small bridge (Königseeache) to Kugelmühle/Almbach where you can park your shuttle car. Take the 2nd car back to the village of Marktschellenberg. Turn left at the church (crossroads) and continue along the mountain road towards Ettenberg. 50m after the large hiking parking lot (Neuhäusel), turn right. There are 2 wooden huts on the right (otherwise there is a large parking lot).
2nd possibility:
See exit/return route.
(From the parking exit, follow the hiking signs "Ettenberg via Talgrabenweg". From here continue left up to the road. Then turn left back to the parking entry.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot at the 2 wooden huts, follow the forest road (no driving sign) right over a small bridge. Immediately after the bridge, turn left and walk downhill next to the stream until you reach another junction with a wooden hut. Turn left again here and continue downhill to a weekend house. Do not cross the private property here but enter the stream beforehand (approx. 750m).

Tour: (machine translated)
Right after the house comes the first 12-meter rappelling point. The canyon quickly narrows. After a few steps, the next four rappelling points follow, all of which are directly in the watercourse. When the water level is high, these steps can quickly become problematic! In particular, the belay station after the third rappel (C8) is exposed, located to the left behind the rock face, and should only be reached using a rope belay. From here, you already have a beautiful view of the Almbach. After the fourth rappel point (C16), the terrain opens up again. A 28-meter rappel follows to the chain anchor on the left. The subsequent sloping rappel route is equipped with several intermediate belay stations, so that a maximum of 20 meters is rappelled at a time here. Alternatively, you can abseil 40 meters straight from belay station 6 if you're carrying ropes long enough. Otherwise, follow C28 -> R20 -> R20, each to the left. Then take C10 and C20 to the right. After the last rappelling point, you'll be almost at the hiking trail from Almbach at about 600m.

Return: (machine translated)
Depending on where you parked your car, you can either follow the path next to the Almbachklamm gorge downhill to the parking lot (transfer sign) at the Kugelmühle. Or you can follow the path only briefly to the hiking signs "Ettenberg via Talgrabenweg". From here, continue left up to the road. Then turn left back to the parking entry.

Tip: On the way back to the Kugelmühle, there are a few beautiful pools at the exit of the Almbachklamm gorge that invite you to jump when the water is at the right level/depth.

From the hiking trail in the Almbachklamm you can see bolts and stands all the way to the exit of the gorge.

Coordinates:
Parking at Exit 47.6701 13.0316
Alternative Canyon End 47.6700 13.0301
Parking at Entry 47.6825 13.0140
Canyon Start 47.6763 13.0147
Canyon End 47.6741 13.0148

Reports:

2026-06-24 | Montie | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Short but very enjoyable. A bit of a mess with the anchors, there are lots of them but a lot of them aren't great. The required rope length depends on which anchor you take on the slanted lower part, which, if it is your first time in the canyon, you obviously don't know. So just make it easy on yourself and bring more than enough instead of barely enough. Would be too short if not continued in the Almbachklamm.

2026-06-06 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Deadwood was still present at the first rappel point. All belay stations had been properly equipped with new chain anchors. We repaired three stations; some were loose and one had been torn out. We attached new plates and nuts here. Over the total 98 meters to the exit of the route, there were 4 intermediate belay stations. None of the abseil points reached 40 meters. 1. 28 meters 2. 20 meters 3. 20 meters 4. 10 meters 5. 20 meters. Accordingly, 1x 60m or 2x 30m would have been sufficient. Based on the available topographic view, we really fumbled around with 2x 50m... updated topographic views with all chain anchors and options will follow. The rating has been adjusted slightly, as the exposed chain anchor in particular is technically somewhat challenging and the right single hook cannot be used due to a tree. We therefore found a rating of V4 appropriate for the canyon and the most difficult single section. The aquatic section is fine. We've raised the severity rating to III, as there's no flood protection or emergency exit for 45 minutes. With today's sunshine, it was an incredibly beautiful canyon with nearly 100 spectators. (machine translated)

2026-05-23 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Some of the rock was very slippery. Most of the anchors were fine. Partly chain anchors and partly single pitons. Right at the first rappel there is a lot of dead wood waiting for new neoprens with holes! ◫ The tour was combined with the Almbachklamm gorge, as we had placed a car at the entry and exit and it was on the way anyway. (machine translated)

2026-04-27 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
When the weather is nice, this is simply a dream canyon, especially in combination with the Almbachklamm (BGL). Condition of the anchors mostly good, but some glued anchors are not professionally glued. (machine translated)

2025-08-18 | Markus Jendryan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
There is a tree in the first rappel, but it is easy to do. The "problematic" third rappel has now been equipped with a ring bolt on the right, so that it can be easily belayed or, for inexperienced climbers or when the water level is high, a ropeway can simply be set up. The pool is also full of gravel up to standing height. From the 3rd rappel onwards, you are in the full focus of people taking photos of the waterfall from the hiking trail, so you should be aware of this. There is a lot going on here, especially at the weekend. (machine translated)

2025-07-03 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Streambed at parking lot was dry, but a good amount of water from entry. Anchor condition good, only minor potential for optimization. 2x40m ropes are perfect in this canyon, anyone who has to downclimb with them has overlooked the anchors We continued via the Almbachklamm, a worthwhile combination - nice rappel in the Sulzer waterfall, great slide & possible jumps and much more aquatic following the Almbach towards Kugelmühle. (machine translated)

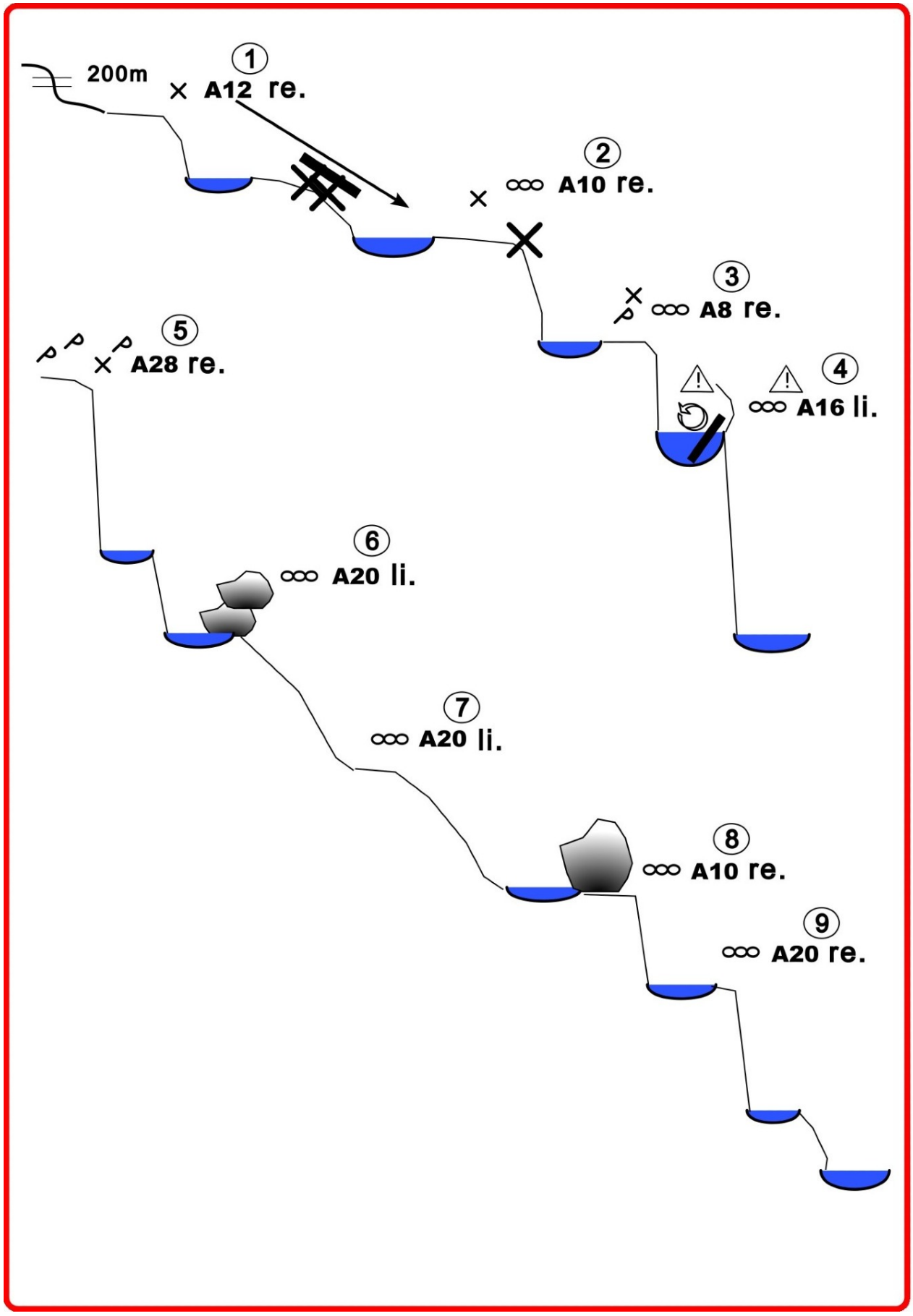
2024-07-02 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Anchors are fine. Quite a few singles and unlinked though. Grippy rock. Tree still in first abseil. Abseil 3 is into a pool, you can stand, but it is deep, and in high flows it could be pretty exciting! Abseil 5 - bring double 50m rope if you don't like downclimbing.

2024-06-09 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Very nice short tour. Condition of the anchors very good. Lots of wood in the water right at the start. Rock with good grip. Thin neo was sufficient. We returned via the hiking trail, about 50 minutes at a very relaxed pace (machine translated)

2024-06-08 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice but short. Stands ok (machine translated)

2024-06-08 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 𝌆 Normal | 👍 Completed
The rock was very grippy thanks to the high water. All belays were in top condition. Some were a bit loose, but were tightened again. At the beginning of the tour you have to fight your way through some wood and it's not the

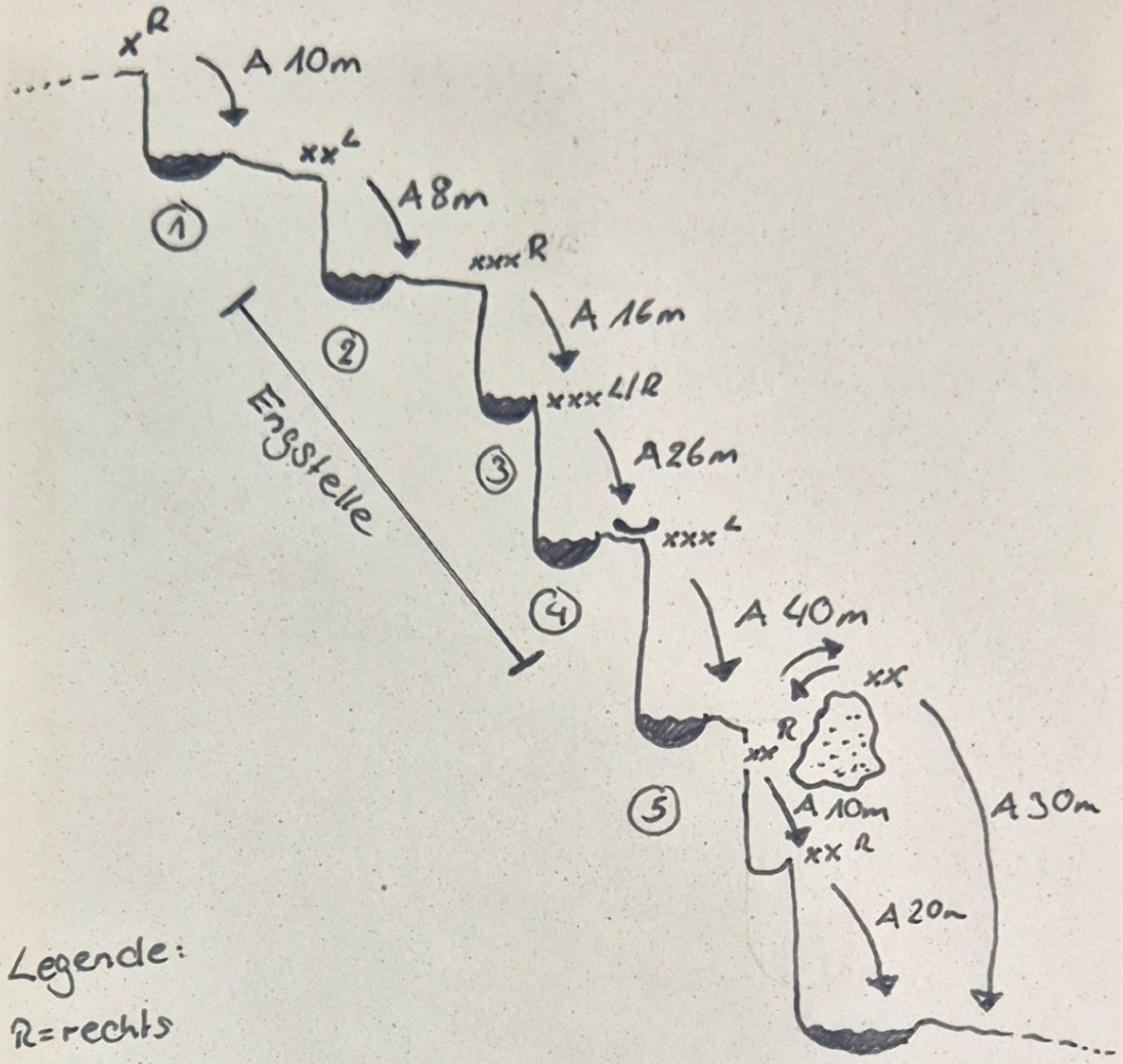
Parts:
Sulzer Wasserfall, v4 a3 III, 10min+1h30+40min
Almbachklamm (BGL), v3 a3 II, 45min+2h+10min



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Legende:

R = rechts

L = links

O = oben

A = Abseiler

= Seilgeländer

= Stein

= Umgehen