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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Steiermark **Subregion:** Bezirk Liezen **Town:** Admont		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 4h45
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 910m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 310m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:** 20
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 9-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 1.9 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 2.7 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x60, 1x30, 1x20
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel and slide canyon with relatively long access. Narrow, winding and partially blocked in the upper third (since 2024 rockfall after first rappel, bypass with rope traverse to new belay). Very scenic. In the lower, open part there are some slides and nice rappels (some of which can be bypassed).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
It is better to arrive with two cars.
Parking entry: Coming from Admont on the Gesäuse main road until a road leads to Weng on the left. Follow this road over a bridge, about 400m after the bridge a forest road branches off to the right (large boulders as a barrier) - parking is possible next to the road between the bridge and the forest road.

Parking exit: Follow the Gesäusebundesstraße to the national park visitor center "Weidendom", there is a large parking lot (subject to charge, € 6,- per day!)

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the forest road for 3 km until you reach a small saddle with a forest road junction, here use the road descending to the left. Pass two hunting lodges to another forest road junction and keep left again. Entry at concrete bridge over the gorge that begins here.

Tour: (machine translated)
First third: narrow and winding - many rappels between 5 and 20m (rockfall 2024, ascent possible)
Second third: open valley with a view of the Reichenstein, plenty of downclimbs and rappels up to 20m.
Last third: many short steps with abseils, can also be bypassed.

Return: (machine translated)
Along the railroad line towards Johnsbach station (1.8 km) or Gesäuse entrance (1.4 km). Alternatively: follow the Ritschengraben to the Enns and drift down from there. Caution: strong eddies on the right side of the river at the mouth of the Bruckgraben

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.5912 14.5688
Canyon End 47.5839 14.5723

Reports:

2025-04-19 | Rok | ½ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★★ | Normal | 👎 Not done
Not committed. (machine translated)

2024-08-06 | Alexander Murer | ☆☆½ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★ | Normal | 👍 Completed
We met a friendly local on the way who said that, unlike the nearby Bruckgraben, canyoning in the Ritschengraben is prohibited by the national park. (Note: this only applies to commercially guided tours). The tour itself is not very rewarding overall. The upper part is quite nice, especially alluvial fans will get their money's worth. The lower part consists of a lot of river walking and not very interesting abseiling sections - we must have overlooked slides or misplaced them. Thanks to the mountain rescue service for setting up the rope traverse - to reach it we had to climb 10m back up over scree from the rockslide. We had great difficulty pulling off our ropes several times. The relatively tight and weathered frequent screw chain links create too much friction in conjunction with our 10mm rope. Would recommend a thinner rope. (machine translated)

2024-05-25 | Kren.Sebastian | ☆☆½ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★★ | High | 👍 Completed
Ascent canyoning rescue BR Styria. Rockfall shortly after the first rappel, 10m rope traverse now leads to a new rappel on the left 25m. Some wood has been added to the "old stock", slippery compared to the neighboring Bruckgraben. The existing rappels have been partially improved, 4 new rappels have been set up in the lower part (can also be bypassed). (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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