Quellenschlucht

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Steiermark **Subregion:** Bezirk Liezen **Town:** Gstatterboden		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 V	**Total time:** 3h45
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1000m	**Altitude exit:** 700m	**Delta Altitude:** 300m
Canyon length: 1300m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: June - October	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:** 6-19 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x50m

Summary: (machine translated)
Alpine canyon below the Planspitze.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Do not board if a thunderstorm is expected!

Access: (machine translated)
Follow the Gesäuse Federal Highway between Hieflau and Admont to the large hiker parking lot at the Hesshütte (Kummerbrücke / near the Gstatterboden power plant)

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the marked Wasserfallweg trail to the Hesshütte (in the lower section, you can walk along the road; at the first opportunity, keep left until a path branches off onto the hiking trail).

Before the first aluminum ladder on the Wasserfallweg, descend to the right, then head left along a rock ledge; at the end of the ledge, cross the ditch above the Quellenschlucht at the same elevation without a trail. Once in the ditch, downclimb until you reach the first rappel point.

Tour: (machine translated)
The first anchor is located on the right side of a boulder.

1. 15m belay station (1 bolt) to the right or downclimb.

Then continue downclimbing over rock slabs.

2. Rappel 50m from the belay station to the left (new belay station with 2 bolts above the destroyed chain anchor)

3. Rappel 20 m from the belay station (2 bolts) on the left; the original chain anchor is destroyed (old anchor with a sling 5 meters above).

4. Rappel 30 m from the belay station (2 bolts) on the left.

Powerful spring with a cave—short downclimb

5. Rappel 10 m from the belay station (2 bolts) on the left

6. Rappel 50 m from the belay station (2 bolts with a chain) in the middle of the stream on a massive boulder

5-minute downclimb

7. 8m old belay station to the left (1 carabiner). Can be easily bypassed.

10-minute downclimb

8. Rappel 13m from the belay station (2 carabiners) to the left, slightly above the stream on a rock ledge

Short walk

9. 12m rappel from belay station (2 carabiners) on the right

Short downclimb; when the stream turns left, you can traverse straight across to the right toward the hiking trail

Return: (machine translated)
Take a short, unmarked path through the woods and across the dry bed of the Ebersangerbach to reach the hiking trail

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.5794 14.6551
Parking Entry and Exit 47.5870 14.6694
Canyon End 47.5823 14.6606

Reports:

2026-08-01 | Kren.Sebastian | ☆☆☆ |🕮 ★★★ |⚓ ★★★ | Low | Completed
Unfortunately, there wasn't much water, but it was still a great trip! The remaining belay stations have been repaired—everything is currently in very good condition. (machine translated)

2026-07-25 | GeorgB | ☆☆ |🕮 ★★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
I finally got to do this tour. An alpine abseiling gorge in a wild setting. Very little water at the top and sunny slab abseils; a bit more water starting from the spring that gives the canyon its name. After the beautiful 50-meter waterfall (visible from the parking lot), there’s unfortunately a tedious 10–15-minute downclimb before the canyon briefly becomes rocky again. We replaced two old Reebsnur slings and drilled two new anchors. The rest was still in surprisingly good condition (adhesive and expansion anchors, some with chains). (machine translated)

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