Säntisthur

Chämmerlitobel

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton St. Gallen **Subregion:** Wahlkreis Toggenburg **Town:** Unterwasser		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 III	**Total time:** 2h35
Approachtime: 25min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1025m	**Altitude exit:** 920m	**Delta Altitude:** 105m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 15.30km²
Season:	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.9 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (6)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Rappel canyon on the southern slope of Säntis (2502 m). In the course of the year strong water fluctuations: in spring (too) much water, towards autumn there is often a complete lack of water flow.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
https://www.hydrodaten.sg.ch/#5804 , Chlostobel station
Strong water fluctuations over the course of the year: (too) much water in spring, often a complete lack of water flow towards fall. Best after a heavy rainfall event.

Access: (machine translated)
Leave the Swiss highway St. Gallen - Sargans (- Chur) at the Haag exit and head west to Gams and from there in the direction of Zurich in serpentines up the mountain. At the top, you pass through the village of Wildhaus and a few kilometers further on you reach Unterwasser (about 17 km from the Haag freeway exit). If necessary, take the second car up to the bridge and park there.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot in a northerly direction take the footpath "to the Thur waterfalls". First along the orographic left bank of the stream, but at the junction do not continue left in the streambed to the Thur waterfalls, but straight up. At the second group of houses, take the little road to the left (westward) and soon you will reach the bridge over the brook.

Tour: (machine translated)
After the entry at the bridge, soon the first larger pool. This is followed by around 7 rappels up to a maximum of 13 m, which can often be jumped, in the canyon, which is not very deep. Then you come to the Thur waterfalls. If you want to rappel in the water channel, hang 2x30m of rope from the railing. In dry weather, however, you come to a so-called Marmita Trampa, from which an exit is not easy. It's better to go down a few steps and rope from the side 14 m directly to the belay above the last waterfall, thus bypassing the Marmita Trampa. Then you can also take 2x15 m of ropes with you. At the bottom, from the last pool, take the cemented iron brackets on the right up to the tourist path.

Return: (machine translated)
Before or after the final Thur waterfalls out on the trail and back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.2066 9.3120
Canyon End 47.2012 9.3116
Parking at Entry 47.2066 9.3118
Parking at Exit 47.1967 9.3107

Reports:

2026-09-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Säntisthur, Wasserstand: "kein Durchfluss" Verankerungen: "alles io" Auch ohne fliessend Wasser eine sehr schön ausgewaschene Schlucht im Karstgestein. Spannend, den Lauf des Wassers im Trockenen zu erahnen. Im oberen Teil teilweise gut gefüllte Pools mit erstaunlich klarem Wasser. Unten völlig trocken. Bei den trockenen Thurfällen wählten wir die Variante Geländerabseil beim Touristenpfad. Mit so wenig Wasser ist die Schlucht sehr kurz. Keine zwei Stunden. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1036-saentisthur)

2026-03-21 | Andreas Gobber | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The tour was absolutely cool! Even though the Thur waterfalls were unfortunately dry and the "Marmita Trampa" was completely empty, we found a good solution: We rappelled directly from the rappel further ahead about 19 meters to the lower area. Water level & conditions Upper section: We had enough water here. However, the canyon could definitely handle a higher flow. Recommendation: If there is more water, taking a floating anchor with you is an absolute advantage! Measured value: The water level at the entry was 0.154m³/s (see reference picture). You can get a direct impression in the video, on Instagram, under this link: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DWRa_KuDOoD/?igsh=bHNvMDFqa3VwaHh4 (machine translated)

2025-12-28 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
No running water. Some pools full of water and iced over. Ice thickness is not yet sustainable. (machine translated)

2025-09-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Santisthur Très glissant et très froid... (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22002/observations.html)

2025-08-31 | Jackcachpot | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
High water level, see reference picture. Water to the exit, many anchors replaced. Two places solved with floating bag. Chlostobel had approx. 0.59m³/s at entry. (machine translated)

2025-06-27 | Jackcachpot | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Perfect water level, everything regularly jumpable. After the rain the day before, the stream had water right up to the end. The Chlostobel gauge was 1.1m³/s approx. 18 hours before, then 0.15m³/s on entry. (machine translated)

2025-04-01 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Säntisthur, Wasserstand: "perfekt" Verankerungen: "i.o" Aktuell sehr gute Verhältnisse... (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1036-saentisthur)

2025-04-01 | Betschart Stefan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Water throughout at the moment. The last waterfall is dry, otherwise perfect. Sometimes very slippery in the water. Stands io (machine translated)

2024-11-04 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Santisthur Auf Hydrodaten.sg.ch zeigte es für die Thur (alt st. Johann/Unterwasser/Chlostobel) 0,04m3/sek an.Nass wurden wir bloss beim durchschwimmen des Restwassers in den Pools.Im unteren Teil der Schlucht mussten wir zweimal improvisieren da es zum abklettern arg rutschig war, da könnte das nächste Team vieleicht eine Sanduhr bohren (da es im Winter, mit dem Eis, wohl kaum weniger rutschig sein wird ;-)) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22002/observations.html)

2024-09-01 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Currently still very little running water and therefore many pools filled. Even 4 jumps possible ;-) Stalls all available and ok. (machine translated)

2024-01-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
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2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten,