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Country: Österreich / Austria Region: Vorarlberg Subregion: Bezirk Dornbirn Town: Dornbirn		
Difficulty: a little difficult	Grading: v4 a3 III	Total time: 3h45
Approachtime: 1h	Tourtime: 2h30	Returntime: 15min
Altitude entry: 820m	Altitude exit: 660m	Delta Altitude: 160m
Canyon length: 700m	Highest rapell: 22m	Amount rapells: 14
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	drainage area: 2.60km²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.1 (8)	Info: ★ 2.5 (6)	Belay: ★ 2.3 (6)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) Varied rappel canyon		
Hydrology: https://vowis.vorarlberg.at/stationsInfo/tbl_Abflussstationen.aspx		
Access: (machine translated) We leave the freeway A 14 (Bregenz - Feldkirch) at exit 18 (Dornbirn Süd) and drive on the Lustenauerstr. in eastern direction into Dornbirn. 2.8 km after the freeway exit we come to the intersection with Hatlerstr. and continue straight ahead into Hintere Achmühlerstraße. After 700 m we reach the bridge over the Dornbirner Ach and 100 m further on we turn right into the Gütlestraße. Passing the Karren cable car (350m from the turn-off), after a total of 2.3 km (from the turn-off) we reach the bridge over the Ache. To the left we continue to the Gütle, but we go right over the brook and another 1.3 km, finally steeply uphill, almost to the bridge over the Rappenlochschlucht. Still before the bridge, park the car in a suitable place - observe parking and stopping bans. If we have a second car and do not want to return through the Alplochklamm, we can continue with it for another 2.2 km in the direction of Ebnit (keeping to the right at the junction) and park it there for the return trip (on the opposite slope you can see the Spätenbach). The tunnel comes only 200 m later.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the northwestern exit of the Rappenloch bridge - stay on the forest road to the right at the first fork - follow the forest road for about 45 min. to Spätenbachalpe (about 2.3 km from Rappenloch bridge). From the alp in the direction of OSO downclimb the meadow along the tree-lined side stream and at a suitable point downclimb into the stream before the constriction. See Wikiloc under "Links". An attractive alternative in the access offers the so-called Aquarius path, see photos and video of the ascent of 25.07.2014 and https://www.komoot.de/discover/Wassermanns-Weg/@47.3729840,9.7726890/tours?max_distance=30000&sport=hike&map=true&toursThroughHighlight=83147&focus		
Tour: (machine translated) In the narrows, the first rappel in the relatively open canyon, followed by 13 more, down to the Dornbirner Ach.		
Return: (machine translated) Either cross the Ach and on the opposite slope about 25 meters in altitude up to the forest road (where possibly the second car is) and continue through the Alplochklamm to the car (See Wikiloc under "Links"). Alternatively in the Dornbirner Ach downhill, later swim through the Alplochklamm and at the Ebensand power station (at the root of the Staufensee dam) out to the right, along the lake on the access road to the right and later up to the car beyond the Rappenlochbrücke (1 hour Dornbirner Ach with Alplochklamm + 15 min to the Rappenlochbrücke).		

Coordinates:

Canyon End [47.3706 9.7722](#)

Canyon Start [47.3709 9.7685](#)

Parking at Exit [47.3704 9.7730](#)

Parking at Entry [47.3837 9.7791](#)

Reports:

2025-06-11 | Patrik | ★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

All stands OK. Currently very slippery. Nice tour in combination with the Kobelache. (machine translated)

2024-07-27 | Christoph Cramer | ★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Beaches in order, pools shallow. (machine translated)

2023-08-13 | Bastien P. | ★★ | 📖★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

Very little to no water from the water intake (C20). This makes the gorge less attractive. Description will be adapted soon (machine translated)

2023-08-13 | Daniel Sturm | ★★ | 📖★★ | ⚓★★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Stands i.O. mainly chain stands. The water intake is currently fully open accordingly no water in the lower part. Both slides were doable. (machine translated)

2023-07-23 | Wolfgang Streicher | ★★ | 📖★★★★ | ⚓★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Stands ok. Handrail to the highest rappel in need of renewal. Last section of the approach no longer over the meadow below the Spätenbachalpe, but over the meadow north of it. At the signpost in front of the alp, turn left and descend via the Wise (track), then cross Seitenbach to the right and through the forest - electric fence - down to the entrance. If footpath through the Rappenlochschlucht, from the Dornbirner Ach directly up to the road. (machine translated)

2023-06-01 | Thorsten K. | ★★ | 📖★ | ⚓★ | 🌊 Normal | 🛑 Not done

Incorrect entry (machine translated)

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

Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/22284>

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