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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Vorarlberg **Subregion:** Bezirk Dornbirn **Town:** Dornbirn		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 2h45
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 820m	**Altitude exit:** 660m	**Delta Altitude:** 160m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 22m	**Amount rapells:** 12
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 2.60km²
Season: April - October	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 10-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (12)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
A varied rappel canyon. It can be explored by shuttle car or on foot, and can also be combined with the Kobelache (a mini version of Dornbirn's Triple).

Hydrology: (machine translated)
https://vowis.vorarlberg.at/stationsInfo/tbl_Abflussstationen.aspx

Access: (machine translated)
We leave the freeway A 14 (Bregenz - Feldkirch) at exit 18 (Dorrnbirn 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&focuse

Tour: (machine translated)
In the narrow section, the first rappel in the relatively open canyon, followed by 11 more, down into 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:

2026-09-04 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
There have been quite a few changes compared to last year. There is no longer a chain anchor past the new water intake. Rappel down from the steel anchor of the wire ropes here. After that, there's a rockfall in front of the cave. Downclimb to the right here, and then there's a new chain anchor above the old cave. The belay station in the cave ceiling is still there, but it's no longer accessible. The rest of the rappels are fine; on the last rappel, there's still quite a bit of leftover rope from the rope traverse. (machine translated)

2026-06-14 | Harald Gunz | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Everything is in order. The water intake has been replaced. The man is living off the remaining water. There is still some wood in the canyons. (machine translated)

2025-09-13 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | Low | Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Spätenbach Nice little canyon. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22284/observations.html)

2025-09-13 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Beautiful canyon, unfortunately much too short. The two of us were through in a comfortable 45 minutes. (machine translated)

2025-08-17 | Bastien P. | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
Stands all in order. Water intake open, so the following parts are not without charm (machine translated)

2025-08-17 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | Low | Completed
Beautiful rappel canyon with several abseils. The water level was relatively low. Abseils through the water jet were therefore also very pleasantly refreshing. Stands so far ok. (machine translated)

2025-07-06 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Access via Wassermannweg. Return via the Alplochklamm gorge. (machine translated)

2025-06-11 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All stands OK. Currently very slippery. Nice tour in combination with the Kobelache. (machine translated)

2024-07-27 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 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)

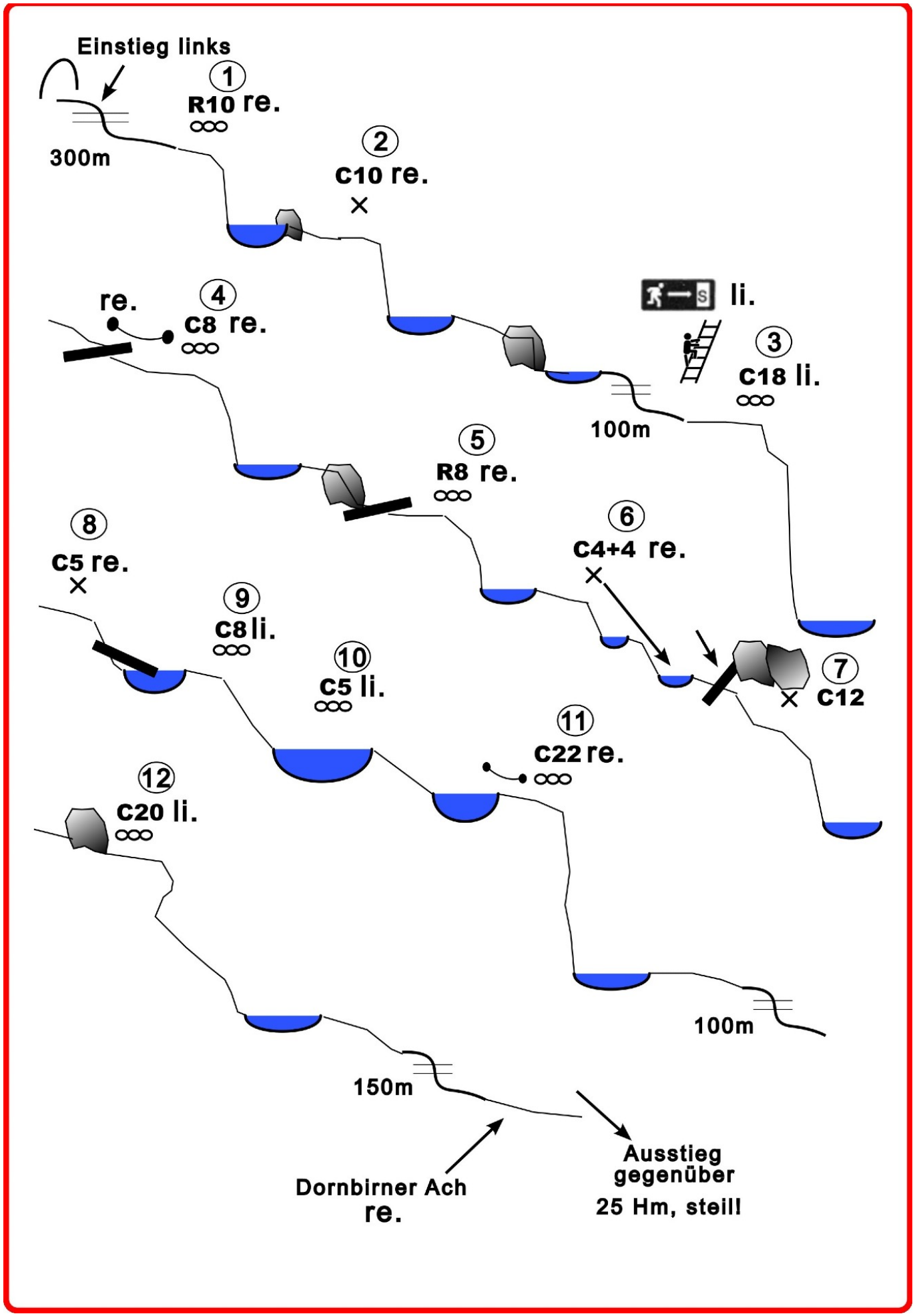
2023-08-13 | Daniel Sturm | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Stands i.O. mainly chain stands. The water intake is currently fully open accordingly no water in the lower part. Both slides were doable. (machine translated)

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 | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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Topo 17.08.2025 von Mario Rojer