Würmbach (oben)

Wasserfallweg

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Salzburg **Subregion:** Bezirk Zell am See **Town:** Lofer		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a1 I	**Total time:** 3h25
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h15	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1200m	**Altitude exit:** 980m	**Delta Altitude:** 220m
Canyon length: 400m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 3.80km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.8 (5)	**Info:** ★ 1.8 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 1.2 (5)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x45m

Summary: (machine translated)
Short abseil slope in the forest, tolerates a lot of water

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The stream normally carries little water and abseiling points are positioned so that you can walk even when there is a lot of water. You can escape into the forest to the right or left at any time.

Access: (machine translated)
Option 1: Drive to Lofer and park there

Option 2:
First drive to Lofer, then take the mountain road in the village to the Loferer Alm and park there before the start of the toll road at Gasthof Loderbichl. There are only a few parking spaces there, we were asked to park in front of the fence at a right angle to the fence and not to use the signposted parking spaces above.

Approach: (machine translated)
Recommendation: Park at the cable car in Lofer and take the Almbahn I and Almbahn II up to the Lofer Alm. From there, follow the waterfall path until the path meets the stream.

Alternatively:
From Gasthof Loderbichl, follow the "Wasserfallweg" in the direction of Bimalm. The trail initially follows the toll road and later turns right towards Würmbach. At a junction of two field paths, you have to stay on the waterfall path at the top and not go down towards Klausmaisalm. The path passes a waterfall, then another 2-3 minutes and you will find the entry point at two pools. You can also continue to the bridge, but this part is not worthwhile.

Tour: (machine translated)
Cool down in the pool, then first rappel single bolt left with 4m. Short walking passages, then anchors hidden in the middle in front of the hole, then chain anchors on the left and over the tourist waterfall. Then comes a short downclimb and the only deep pool of the tour (jump 2-3m possible). This is followed by the rappel highway with 20/25 rappels, some with single hooks, some from tree slings (see topographic view for details). The penultimate rappel is a 45m, followed by another 20m. Then you walk along the stream for about 150m until you climb up to the meadows on the right.

Supposedly there is also a lower part which is not so beautiful...

Return: (machine translated)
About 150m after the last rappel, you can see the meadow on the top right to which you climb up, then you go up towards the alpine pasture and soon see a house behind which the gravel path leads back to the hiking trail and from there back to the car. We tried the wild crossing without the gravel path but it is not recommended because of the ditches in between.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6128 12.6652
Canyon End 47.6110 12.6695
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6039 12.6842
Parking lot Alternative access 47.5883 12.6914
Waypoint 47.6081 12.6543
Waypoint 47.6088 12.6690

Reports:

2026-10-18 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Since most steps are 20–25 meters, 50-meter ropes are the most effective (in our estimation, the longest step is actually closer to 35 meters). We preferred the alternative route starting from the Gasthof Loderbichl parking lot (just a short drive up from town, then a 35-minute walk to the entry; we saved money on the lift and stopped by the inn for a drink after the climb :-)) Abseil points corrected to 12 (see topographic view under “Internal”). Drilled 1 new bolt. Overall, the route is adequately protected (I would only recommend drilling two new anchors in the middle at abseil point No. 7 instead of using the single bolt on the right, for rope retrival). During our ascent, there were only a few slippery spots. 3–4 mm neoprene is usually sufficient. (machine translated)

2025-07-05 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
We took the Almbahn I and Almbahn II from Lofer up to the Lofer Alm. The total journey time is approx. 22 minutes. From there, the well-signposted waterfall trail leads directly to the stream, the first anchor point is clearly visible from the hiking trail. A very average canyon, with occasionally very beautiful views of the mountain landscape. The anchors are rather moderate, but we always found something. The previous 2x50m rope indication is strange - at the longest point the center mark of our 50m ropes was about 10m from the next anchor, so a 70m rope would probably have been enough twice - I suspect that you could possibly get by with 35m ropes - but to be on the safe side, take a longer rope with you as long as no one else confirms this statement. (machine translated)

2024-10-03 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very slippery, cool rappel, well set up at least at the beginning towards the exit but not ok! Access from the upper parking lot, then relaxed with the gondola up and then about 25 min hiking back after the beautiful final waterfall 45+25m (machine translated)

2024-08-02 | Der Insel Affe | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Crazy | 👍 Completed
In heavy local rain can rise quickly, whereby escape is always possible. In fine weather quite beautiful and almost dry abseil gorge with mountain views. Broken off at the long rappel due to water slope (see photo) (machine translated)

2024-06-30 | Max H. | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Inspection was OK. Chains do not look standardized, at the last stand only one anchor is fixed instead of two, if necessary take a nut and wrench with you. Next time take the way back via Klausmaisalm instead of the forest. (machine translated)

WÜRMBACH:

Li = Links = Left
Re = Rechts = Right
Mi = Riddle = Mitte
Baum = Tree
• = Single Bolt
•• = Double Bolt

