Kiengrabenbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Steiermark **Subregion:** Liezen District **Town:** Sankt Gallen		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 II	**Total time:** 2h50
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 1h50	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1040m	**Altitude exit:** 660m	**Delta Altitude:** 380m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 15m	**Amount rapells:** 8
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Mostly an open, rocky gorge with little water. Remains of an old hermitage past the first third of the gorge. Can be combined with the nearby Griesbach (Griesbach as the first hike, then climb back up to the Kiengraben trailhead).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Admont, take the B117 over the Buchauer Sattel. At Griesbauer, turn right onto a sand road and follow it for a short distance to a small parking area just before the forest road begins.

Approach: (machine translated)
Cross the bridge and follow Trail 664 toward Sparerriegel/Kleiner Buchstein. First, hike for about 15 minutes along the forest road into the valley floor, then turn left onto another forest road and soon follow a beautiful hiking trail up the forest ridge. You'll briefly return to the forest road before turning right again onto a path. Follow this path uphill, crossing the forest road one more time. Follow the forest road to a leftward haipin bend, then turn left at the turn onto another forest road leading into the Kienbach Valley. The entry is at the ford across the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
A forest and rocky gorge with short slides and parts requiring downclimbing, as well as two narrower parts. Often dry at the top, with slightly more water further down. The area above the described entry might also be worth exploring.
5-minute downclimb and small bumpy slides
8 m rappel from a glued anchor on the right
10 m rappel from a glued anchor on the left; destroyed chain anchor
Walking and downclimbing
3 m rappel from an expansion hook on the right
Walking and downclimbing to the remains of a hermitage
2.5 m slide
15m rappel from a glued anchor on the left; briefly exposed
2x3m downclimb, then 20min walk and downclimb
Start of a deeper canyon
5m downclimb to the right
Rappel 5 m from an expansion hook with a chain link on the left
Rappel 5 m from a glued anchor at the back left
Rappel 4 m from an expansion hook on the left
Rappel 5 m from a glued anchor on the left
Walk and downclimb to the canyon exit at the iron pipe crossing the stream

Return: (machine translated)
Take a short detour to the right down the forest road; at the haipin bend, head back into the streambed and follow it to the Griesbach; from there, take a short detour to the left uphill to the parking lot

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6415 14.6131
Canyon End 47.6456 14.5969
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6477 14.5936

Reports:

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It’s worth doing once. Ideal after heavy rain. Where we were, it was dry—or rather, there was just an occasional trickle. We added two anchors and a rapid link. Otherwise, it’s almost always a older glued anchor, but it works fine. A beautiful, secluded, and alpine atmosphere. (machine translated)