Maurerbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Tirol **Subregion:** Bezirk Lienz **Town:** Prägraten am Großvenediger		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v3 a5 II	**Total time:** 0min
Approachtime: 0min	**Tourtime:** 0min	**Returntime:** 0min
Altitude entry: 2060m	**Altitude exit:** 1850m	**Delta Altitude:** 210m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4 (2)	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x40 (2x30)

Summary: (machine translated)
The Maurerbach is a stream that can only be walked on from the exit of October to the beginning of November. It is fed by a glacier and carries too much water in summer to be passable. Only in October/November, when the temperature is below 0° at night at 2000m, the Maurerbach becomes passable.

During our walk the water was ok, but you should know about water hazards (syphon, baffles). For estimation you can find the photo attached, which was taken directly at the parking lot, at the prominent stone in the stream.

A good neoprene equipment is necessary for the Maurerbach, because it is very aquatic and one comes very often in contact with the water.

A beautiful, aquatic glacier canyon for late autumn, which can be well combined with the Dorferbach one valley further on a weekend.

Compared to the Dorferbach, the Maurerbach is a gorge throughout. The Maurerbach impresses with its dark rock with crystal clear, deep blue pools and due to its southern orientation you have wonderful light shows in the gorge.

A must-have for winter-proof canyon routes that are familiar with water hazards.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Drive to Lienz in Osttirol and then continue approx. 26km on the B108 to Matrei. At Matrei turn into the Virgental and drive about 17km to Hinterbichl. You drive through Hinterbichl and over the bridge of the Dorferbach (on the right you can see an old mill). Stay on the road for about 1.6km until you turn right about 100m before the bridge over the Maurerbach and park at the large asphalt parking lot or. left of the Mauerbach.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot you walk over the bridge of the Maurerbach to the climbing park Großvenediger. Go through the climbing park and stay on the gravel road for about 30-40 min until the road ends. Note: With off-road vehicles you could shorten this 30 min, however, driving on the gravel road is actually prohibited.
At the exit of the gravel road is a turnaround, which can also serve as a possible parking lot.
From this turnout, turn right up the hill until you reach the clearly visible hiking trail.
Follow this trail uphill for about 1.5 hours. You pass some small wooden huts before you start walking towards the Maurerbach at an altitude of about 2060m. The entry is well visible, because a spring leads from or. right into the Maurerbach at a concrete cottage. About 50m above is the entry at a small rockfall where an old via ferrata still visible (cables and steps).

Tour: (machine translated)
At the rockfall there is an old steel eyelet of the former via ferrata. This eyelet can be used to reach the rockslide secured. You can see the old wire ropes of the via ferrata and you can rappel through the rock fall by using the old steps of the via ferrata as anchor. Once you have rappelled into the rockslide, use the 2nd step!!! from the bottom of the former via ferrata, as the last step is already loose.
Here you have contact with the cold water for the first time. Over a small pool you finally rappel into the first larger pool.
Now you come to the spring with concrete huts that you saw before. You climb out of the pool ortographic left and are in front of the first jump.
The next higher rappel follows, which can also be jumped after about 5m, if the rappel is not icy, as it was during our ascent.

The next place is the most dangerous of the canyons! First you climb down ortographic left before you stand about 2m above the pool. To the left of you a small cave is washed out and to the right a small water drain leads further. Here you have to jump to the water drain, because there is a syphon in the cave. If you jump towards the drain, the syphon is not a danger.

After a short walking passages through partly deeper pools you come to a small rappel (C3 re), which leads into a pool with a baffle wall. After that comes probably the most beautiful part of the canyon. You rappel through a narrow passage into a kind of cave with sensationally beautiful washouts and a deep pool with current.
A small jump (S2) leads out of this absolutely gorgeous part and a longer walk and downclimb follows, partly through narrower corridors.
After the walking and downclimbing passage, 2 smaller rappels follow before one stands in front of a rappel (C12re), which can also be jumped (S9), if the rappel is not icy. In the pool there is a baffle wall, but you can easily escape it with some strong swimming and pushing off the wall.

Now follows another beautiful spot. One ropes into another cave-like narrow place with quite turbulent pools, there follows a small swimming section under a large clamping block (left!) past, before one comes out of the dark area back into the light.

A jump (S3) and another jump (S2) follow. ATTENTION: At this pool there is a stone directly in the middle! Here you have to jump or. right closely to the wall, so that you do not land on the stone.
A few downclimbs follow, as well as 2 dry rappels. The R15li should be rappelled or left on the rocky ledge, because during our ascent in the pool (or. right) is a larger blocking, which can be quite challenging at the water level in the Maurerbach.
After passing under a large clamping block, the last rappel C10re follows. Here the actual idea was that one comes or. right on the rock band to another piton, so as not to have to rappel directly in the water. Unfortunately, during our ascent the ledge was icy and so we had to rappel directly through the water. Here you are forced in the current in the quite strongly water-bearing Maurerbach.
After another narrow passage (bend to the right) one can exit or. left. First you climb through the bushes, walk along the slope, before you come to a path, which leads after about 2 min to the hiking trail, which you walked during the ascent.

Return: (machine translated)
You go back the same way to the parking lot. If you have used an off-road vehicle without permission and parked it at the turnout, the way back is shortened to 45 min.

Coordinates:

Reports:

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