Breitgrieskarbach

Abalakov bonanza

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Tirol **Subregion:** Bezirk Innsbruck-Land **Town:** Scharnitz		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 3h5
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 5min
Altitude entry: 1380m	**Altitude exit:** 1100m	**Delta Altitude:** 280m
Canyon length: 800m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:** 14
Transport: Bike/Mountainbike	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 8.00km²
Season: April - November	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:** 9-16 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 2.3 (4)	**Info:** ★ 2 (4)	**Belay:** ★ 1.5 (4)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30

Summary:
Easy introductory tour a 30' bike ride from Scharnitz and with less compromise. The bigger abseils (max. 25m.) have double, recent anchors (2022-2024). The smaller, often downclimbable passages have either 1 bolt or 1 abalakov as aid. Not aquatic, nore technical and mostly very sunny, could be done in 1/2 wetsuit or in summer without. Phone reception at exit and on the approach.

Hydrology:
Snowmelt, rainfall and karstic sources at the start and end of the canyon. Runs all year quietly.

Access:
30' bikeride (access allowed 1/4-31/10) + 30' approach on the orographic right bank.

Approach:
Park the bike by the bridge and hike up orographic right. The trail takes a wide turn to the left and away from the canyon (do not mistake it for smaller animal trails) and comes back to the canyon gradually through small bushes and pine trees. The trail is not marked but is rather obvious in its upper part.

Tour:
The tour starts/end well protected with a higher abseil.
2 bolts L 12m to intermediate anchor
2 bolts L 14m to foot of the waterfall
1 bolt L 'Gemserast' 5m
1 abalakov R optional 6m
1 abalakov L optional 6m
1 bolt R optional 5m
1 bolt + 1 abalakov R S-turn 12m
Stuck boulder
1 abalakov R 3m
1 bolt L double drop 10m
1 abalakov L 5m
1 abalakov L 8m
1 bolt + 1 abalakov R double drop 10m
1 abalakov R optional 4m (needs 1 quicklink)
downclimb + walk 5'
2 bolts R 25m

Return:
Exit L after the sources to find a trail back to the road and bridge.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.3856 11.3639
Canyon End 47.3789 11.3613

Reports:

2026-10-22 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
After the heavy rain the canyon was in normal condition & full in the sunshine. Snowy mountains in the front & back. Without the beauty of the Karwendel the canyon would be rather secundary, nothing technical. Interesting though as introductory tour to the region or the aspect of Abalakovs (style in which the canyon was opened). Added quicklinks, only 1 is missing (near the end).

2024-10-15 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Added (double) anchors where previously there were none, also added more abalakovs to take away some of the exposure in the downclimbs. Would be great to add quicklinks for all 7 abalakovs.

2024-07-07 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Possible thunderstorms didn't allow for time to complete the anchors, just a quick visit to the canyon. Water levels seems rather stable throughout the year.

2022-09-15 | Jeroen Kirchner | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Having done all tours in the area, i was curious about the smaller canyons that are nowhere described. To my surprise there was no anchors, i completed the tour on abalakov or downclimb.

First descent: 15.09.2022 by Jeroen Kirchner