Kargraben

Rothmannbach (oben)

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Country: Deutschland / Germany **Region:** Oberbayern / Upper Bavaria **Subregion:** Landkreis Berchtesgadener Land **Town:** Schellenberger Forst		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 3h50
Approachtime: 40min	**Tourtime:** 2h45	**Returntime:** 25min
Altitude entry: 850m	**Altitude exit:** 580m	**Delta Altitude:** 270m
Canyon length: 1800m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 2.93km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.3 (15)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (10)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (13)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Clean, cold water, partly from springs, ! in rain and meltwater; limestone; the tour is located in the border area on the German side in a hunting/game feeding area, so behave accordingly!; beautiful open (sunny) canyon; favorable sun position at 11am; partly sloping access; in summer a 3mm neoprene is often sufficient; well equipped; some narrow sections and tree trunks.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Salzburg Süd drive in the direction of Berchtesgaden. In the village of Marktschellenberg, follow the signs to Ettenberg for 4 km. Here begins the mountain road which also leads to the Hochthron via ferrata. After a few serpentine bends, you will pass a group of houses. Then the road leads slightly downhill to a single house on the right "Roßboden 4". Here there are only small parking spaces next to the hiking sign.

Approach: (machine translated)
Behind the house, walk slightly downhill across the meadow towards the forest (do not follow the hiking signs!). At the exit of the meadow, a small path branches off to the left into the forest. Follow the path initially without any difference in altitude. Afterwards, the now poorly recognizable path leads left uphill to the edge of the forest. Once you reach the edge of the forest, you can already see some cascades from the stream. From here, follow an old, partly steep path alongside the canyon. The path is not always easy to see through the tall grass, but with a little sense of direction this should not be a problem. After several tributary crossings and a short climb at the end, you are almost in the stream at 860m (easy entry at 860m).

Tour: (machine translated)
The tour begins at 850m with beautiful small pools and a sloping rock slab where a bolt is left. This is followed by a short walking and climbing passage. From the next 10m step it becomes more continuous. This is followed by several beautiful (max. 20m) abseils, some of which can also be downclimbed. You should be careful with the small slides and possible jumps, as the pools are often covered in gravel. The abseiling points in the canyon are usually no higher than 10m. However, individual narrow sections can be quite unpleasant at higher water levels. In the lower flat and open section of the gorge (after the 1st inflow from the right) there are longer walking and downclimbs interrupted by a few small steps/abseils. An unpleasant narrow cascade in the water can be bypassed on the right by rappelling from a tree (sling). Before another striking 2nd tributary on the right, you have the option of exiting the canyon (see exit) or following the stream to the bridge/forest road at 580m.

Return: (machine translated)
1st possibility (20min) Recommendation: Exit the canyon approx. 100m before a prominent 2nd tributary (at a large rock with a cairn) at approx. 620m to the right. Here through the short steep grassy area up to a well-trodden path, which leads relatively easily and quickly up to the forest road. Follow this forest road to the right (past the hunting lodge) up a short and steep climb to the parking lot.
2nd possibility (30min): Get off at the bridge at 580m and follow the forest road right to the signposts. Follow the forest road uphill towards Ettenberg to the parking lot.
3rd possibility: Walk the lower part of the "Rothmannbach" (see description Rothmannbach) which exits at the Königseeache.

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6887 13.0187
Canyon Start 47.6964 13.0096
Alternative Canyon End 47.6931 13.0201
Canyon End 47.6965 13.0254

Reports:

2026-08-08 | B. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
The anchors are fine—lots of galvanized ones and a few you have to downclimb. The access is easy to find, but the “quick” exit is less so! The estimated time in the canyon was probably a bit optimistic ;-). Please park at the via ferrata parking lot to avoid upsetting the locals! (machine translated)

2026-06-27 | Christian | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All anchors are secure; conditions are perfect (machine translated)

2026-05-01 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All stands top! (The Kargraben entry by Chr.B. refers to the lower part, which is then called Rothmannbach due to a tributary (see map), some pools jumpable, still a bit fresh due to some meltwater but pleasant with sun. (machine translated)

2025-06-30 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Individual anchors in gradually precarious condition. 3mm Neo was sufficient (machine translated)

2025-04-19 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The old tree sling at the last abseil point (R20 right) has been removed and replaced by a wing ring on the big rock next to it (R15 right).always a pleasure with sun and enough water. (machine translated)

2025-03-22 | Horst Lambauer | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All stands ok, nice open south-facing tour (machine translated)

2024-11-10 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Nice short tour in the VM sun. Everything OK (machine translated)

2024-07-14 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything top in the ditch (machine translated)

2024-06-24 | Susanne | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
All anchors in order. (machine translated)

2024-06-16 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice rappel, anchors all ok. Out at Steinmandl, up back to the car... (machine translated)

2024-06-14 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Scenic, nice canyon but nothing special. We got out at the bridge, lots of walking overall. Anchors are ok. You only need 40-meter ropes if you want to descend everything on a double rope. Otherwise, 20 (or better 25 meter) ropes are enough. (machine translated)

2024-05-10 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
all top (machine translated)

2024-04-14 | Max H. | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
If you look down the meadow at the top of the road by the house, there is a path about halfway up that leads left into the forest. Follow this until the path comes within a few meters of the stream. The path is exposed in places and slippery from the leaves. The access is certainly the most difficult part of the tour. It looks like there is a shortened entry, where you skip the "practice abseil" and start directly with the action. The stream is really nice, small slides, one or two small pools and lots of ropes. Sometimes wood but don't bother. Exit at the Steinmandl/yellow arrow. We should have packed our suits in our rucksacks in the stream ... (machine translated)

2024-04-01 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
All anchors ok, water level high due to meltwater, no significant blockages or snowfields, best exit option from Kargraben on forest road (see photo) (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
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Parts:
Kargraben, v3 a2 III, 40min+2h45+25min
Rothmannbach (unten), v2 a2 III, 30min+1h30+5min