

Bruckgraben

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Country: Österreich / Austria Region: Steiermark Subregion: Bezirk Liezen Town: Gstatterboden		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 III	Total time: 4h45
Approachtime: 1h30	Tourtime: 3h	Returntime: 15min
Altitude entry: 890m	Altitude exit: 600m	Delta Altitude: 290m
Canyon length: 1200m	Highest rapell: 20m	Amount rapells: 15
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: limestone	Drainage area: km ²
Season: May - October	Orientation: South	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 4.1 (17)	Info: ★ 2.7 (12)	Belay: ★ 2.4 (13)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x20m drill tool,		
Summary: (machine translated) Day trip; at high water level very dangerous; large catchment area; partly very deeply cut; very beautiful canyon in limestone; clean cold water; good places to stand; long steep access; risk of falling rocks; return swimming in the Enns; no walking (sign breeding place for bird) at the exit! -> pass under the railroad bridge on the left and then into the Enns.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) Coming from Admont on the Gesäuse Str. B146 to Johnsbach 5th (Gesäuse National Park) drive --> Parking options: Large parking lot visitor center Weidendom (Chargeable, € 6, - per day!), Parking at Gasthof Bachbrücke and parking station Johnsbach is no longer allowed.		
Approach: (machine translated) From the parking lot you go over the bridge to the train station Johnsbach --> here follow the valley hiking trail "Rauchboden" on the right (not the path directly behind the train station!) -->there are two shortcuts through the forest on this hiking trail, after the second one you have to leave the Rauchboden path on the left and follow the abandoned forest road up through the forest (sign "cycling prohibited", do not continue on the circular hiking trail!) --> after a few meters there is a steep gravel field that you go up to the forest road (lookout with bench) --> then continue to follow the marked hiking trail to the Buchsteinhaus to the "Brucksattel", about 50m after the resting bench is a cairn on the left (just before the next forest road crossing), here follow the footprints which lead downhill into the Bruckgraben (tw. cairns and yellow markings).		
Tour: (machine translated) The Bruckgraben is due to its arduous access and descent to the conditional and time-consuming tours in eastern Austria--> arrived in the stream, it first goes over small climbing and walking passages (beautiful washouts) --> the upper part of the canyon is still very open to the lower part--> over some smaller abseils and longer walking passages you get to the canyon center (last possible escape right, steep chute up to back - here leads a path to the tracks) --> from here it is really tight. (high water level / thunderstorms mean here absolute danger to life!) --> in the impressive and beautiful cut lower part of the canyon you can see over the head old wooden beams (Triftnalage), which still come from the "wooden age" --> Most abseiling points are not high but in the water course and can therefore be somewhat challenging for one or the other --> The final part leads over several rocks and an aluminum ladder to the exit at the railroad bridge (!bird breeding place therefore follow signs).		
Return: (machine translated) Go under the rustic bridge. Immediately after the bridge, turn left into the forest on a clearly visible path to the Enns. To make the way back easier, simply swim (depending on the water level!) the approx. 2 km long stretch in the Enns (watch out for trees in the water!) back to the bridge/parking lot. Alternatively, walk for 20 minutes alongside the railroad line.		

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [47.5952 14.5818](#)

Canyon End [47.5820 14.5782](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [47.5815 14.5956](#)

Waypoint [47.5860 14.6074](#)

Waypoint [47.5940 14.6019](#)

Waypoint [47.5951 14.5932](#)

Waypoint [47.5964 14.5886](#)

Reports:

2026-05-25 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Everything is ok so far. The last rappel with the rope traverse no longer exists. The neon red rope traverse is still visible a few meters higher up. Can now be downclimbed. ATTENTION: There are new, large clamping blocks in the final part. You have to go through them at the bottom (they will probably be the same ones as described in last year's ascent). Always beautiful. Enns currently great... PS: Unfortunately, the rope got stuck on the 3rd rappel into the hole when I was pulling it off (had to cut it off). Maybe the next ones can take a photo and send it to me. I would be interested to know what happened. I would be happy to install the piece of rope somewhere as fixed ropes. Thank you. (machine translated)

2025-09-26 | Ivan Rieder | ★★★★★ | 📖★★ | 🪚★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

All belays in order! Former last rappel no longer exists but no problem for downclimbing! (machine translated)

2025-07-20 | Robert Werner | 📖 | 🪚 | 🟢 Completed

1 stand newly drilled. Former last belay no longer exists. Can now be easily downclimbed via several small steps (machine translated)

2025-05-15 | GeorgB | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Less sun and water than expected. Quite a lot of gravel, but it was well distributed - on the walking passages and not in the basins. The former first rappel through the hole between the clamping blocks is now hardly feasible. At the beginning of the gorge, there is a large wooden hut which is better for rappels than it looks from above. The way back through the Enns was quite cold. Nevertheless, always beautiful. (machine translated)

2025-05-10 | Wolfgang | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

Still good water from the mountain. There are a few new anchors compared to last year; so you can rappel more often "in the water" and don't have to go around the outside. (machine translated)

2025-04-19 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

Everything tip top. More water than usual. Have renewed or re-drilled some stands. Enns no problem. (machine translated)

2024-08-21 | Kren.Sebastian | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

On the descent from the Brucksattel into the Bruckgraben, a few trees lie across the path. More debris in the canyon due to the recent storms, also a few trees have been added. All stands in order. (machine translated)

2024-08-11 | Wolfgang | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚 | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Nice water level, there was exactly crystal clear pool to cool off; otherwise everything nice as always (machine translated)

2024-06-08 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Good general condition and sufficient belays available. Some fixed ropes could be replaced in the meantime. Always a nice tour 📖 (machine translated)

2024-01-23 | Andreas Gremmel | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Ice canyon ascent. conditions absolutely perfect, as there was little snow (except on the access, forest road) only a few avalanches in the canyon - all of them easily climbable over or under, huge icefalls in the ditch one stand almost buried under snow/ice chunks - only one bh free (machine translated)

2023-09-16 | Wolfgang | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 🪚 | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Again a lot more gravel in the canyon. The tree chaos at the beginning of narrows lower part is resolved and the trees are further "migrated";- this could be after the next storms unfavorable for canyoning ,-but let's see (machine translated)

2023-09-01 | Andi Schober | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Water level normalized after the rains, belays all top - some drill hooks (without Rapidglieder or rings) was vmtl supplemented for rescues at some stands, Enns with good water throughput (machine translated)

2023-08-12 | Rok | ★★★★★ | 📖★★★★ | 🪚★★ | 🌊 High | 🟢 Completed

Currently top conditions in the gorge. The block chaos at the narrows is gone and is now no longer disturbing at the Dopplekaskade. Super water level. We have exchanged a few fixed ropes. Enns also has good water.