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:** km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** South	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.2 (25)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (19)	**Belay:** ★ 2.6 (21)

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 (Triftanlage), 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:

2026-09-19 | Thomas C | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
It's always nice—everything's fine (machine translated)

2026-09-13 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
It's really beautiful right now. In the upper section, you'll even find blue pools. There are plenty of safety anchors, and the return trip along the Enns is no problem. (machine translated)

2026-08-30 | Kren.Sebastian | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
The obstruction after the last escape route has been cleared, the rope traverses and fixed ropes have been replaced, and a new anchor point has been drilled (where the sling used to be). The pool is mostly clear again. Overall, it’s in good condition. There’s not much water in the Enns, but it’s no problem. (machine translated)

2026-08-27 | Robert Werner | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Heavily covered in gravel. Cut off the first rope traverse because the rope was almost worn through. From the last escape route onward, it’s heavily overgrown in places. A sling with a Rapid link would provide a good anchor point—in case anyone from the Styria or Upper Austria canyoning rescue teams is reading this regarding the climb the day after tomorrow. (machine translated)

2026-08-23 | Manfred Danglmaier | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Changes have been made since the last inspection; a sling with a quick-release carabiner allows for the descent after the long rappel; otherwise, everything is okay. The water level of the Enns is very low. (machine translated)

2026-07-25 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
It's always great here when the weather's sunny. The "new" exit is really interesting when you know what it was like just last year—suddenly 3–4 meters of rock just gone, down to at least 15 meters... you can still see the old, well-preserved fixed ropes way up above.... The swim back was really very “shallow,” and with no current, we moved very slowly ;-) (machine translated)

2026-07-08 | Paul Mistlbacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Not much water, but otherwise everything was great and well-equipped. (machine translated)

2026-06-28 | GeorgB | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
There's not much water right now, but otherwise conditions are very good. The rock offers good grip, the pools have deep depth by Bruckgraben standards, and there's wood only where it doesn't get in the way. (machine translated)

2026-06-20 | Martin Jasek | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very nice canyon, especially the second section. Several rappels offer multiple bolted options, so you need to decide which anchor setup is the most suitable. The final part is particularly interesting, as it shows how the canyon has changed over time, with old traverses still visible high above the present canyon floor.

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