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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne **Subregion:** Verwaltungskreis Frutigen-Niedersimmental / Frutigen-Niedersimmental administrative district **Town:** Reichenbach im Kandertal / Reichenbach		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 IV	**Total time:** 3h
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1180m	**Altitude exit:** 950m	**Delta Altitude:** 230m
Canyon length: 650m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 6
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 24.00km²
Season: September - December	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.2 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 1.8 (5)

Warnings:
Prohibition of fishing in Bern Case H (yearly 16.10. - 15.04.)
This stretch of water may only be used from 16.04.-15.10. in accordance with the fishing regulations of the Canton of Bern.
A permit from the Hunting Inspectorate is required for commercial canyoning activities
According to https://www.belex.sites.be.ch/app/de/texts_of_law/923.111/versions/1792/annex/2, the commercial operation of water sports activities requires a permit from the Game Warden's Office.

Specialities:
Dam (autom. flushing),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 50m

Summary: (machine translated)
A canyoning gem in the Kandertal valley near Reichenbach. A short but beautiful and rewarding descent.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Telephone number hydroelectric power station: +41 58 477 84 95
Do not underestimate the amount of water in this canyon and the warnings about the danger of sudden floods!

The water level must be assessed above the intake. At full capacity, 1,5000 l/s are turbined. In the event of an automatic shutdown, this amount of water can also be expected in the canyon...

Access: (machine translated)
Approach via A8 exit 19 in Spiez and continue in the direction of Kandersteg. In Reichenbach turn left towards Kiental. The parking lot is located directly after the bridge over the Spiggenbach. The equipment can still be reached by car about 1.3 km in the direction of Griesalp to the Spiggengrund junction.

Approach: (machine translated)
Walk along the road toward Spiggengrund for about 1.7 km until you reach the first bridge over the Spiggenbach, just past the dam.

Tour: (machine translated)
Along with the Gries and Gamchi canyons, the Spiggenbach is a canyoning gem in the Kandertal valley near Reichenbach (Bern/Berne/Berner Oberland). The canyon is scenic, and the rappelling sections are a fun challenge. Caution: Do not unclip too early under any circumstances! In several places, there were two steps down—this also applies to C32!

Warning from the power plant operator: Staying on or in the streambed below the water intake of a hydroelectric power plant is dangerous. If a technical malfunction occurs at the power plant, the water level can rise suddenly. The danger lies in the fact that this so-called surge cannot be prevented or predicted in advance. It is also independent of weather conditions.
Power plant number: 0848121175 (new as of 2026: +41 58 477 84 95)

Return:

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5781 7.7446
Canyon End 46.5781 7.7362
Parking Entry and Exit 46.5795 7.7293

Reports:

2026-09-06 | MarcoW | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
It's best to call the power plant (+41 58 477 84 95—24/7 on-call service) beforehand, since cell phone reception isn't very good in the Kiental Valley! with Damian (machine translated)

2026-07-13 | Adrian Büschlen | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All the anchors are in good condition. Unfortunately, diving isn't allowed, but you can slide down the slide—though the pool doesn't have much depth. The water is a beautiful blue. (machine translated)

2026-06-22 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Spiggebach, Wasserstand: "DC" Verankerungen: "Ok" Schön zu begehen. Die Telefonnummer auf der Tafel und im Swiss Alps Canyoningführer für Hydrologische Auskünfte führt in der Regel nur auf eine Infoschleife, die für Canyonisten nicht zielführend ist. Bei der Wasserfassung ist ein Schild mit der Nummer 058 477 84 95 angebracht, dies ist der Pikettdienst des Kraftwerkbetreibers. Hier kann und soll man sich vor einer Begehung Informieren. Immer Wasserstand vor der Wasserfassung beurteilen, diese währe aktuell recht sportlich. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1268-spiggebach)

2025-11-03 | Alberto Cabrera | ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
The telephone of the central office has changed. Attached photo with QR (machine translated)

2025-10-11 | Peisen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very nice, jumps unfortunately covered with gravel. Autumn landscape currently very colorful. Very easy to walk and climb. (machine translated)

2025-09-21 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Spiggebach, Wasserstand: "DC" Verankerungen: "gut" Schlucht zu dritt begangen. Die Pools sind meist voll mit Kies, einige gehen zum springen, Kontrolle notwendig. Grosser Abseiler ergänzt mit zusätzlichem Stand. D14 queren rechts zum Lochüberhang. Dann sehr schön C30 ins grosse Becken... Aktuell guter gripp zum gehen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1268-spiggebach)

2024-11-13 | rob | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
nice canyon, anchors ok, but some with galva wedge bolt that is rusting. (machine translated)

2022-11-07 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Alongside the Gries and Gamchi canyons, the Spiggenbach is a canyoning gem in the Kandertal valley near Reichenbach (Bern/Berne/Berner Oberland). The canyon is very scenic and the abseiling sections are a fun challenge. Caution: Don't tie out too early! In several places there were two steps down, this also applies to the C32! My 70m rope was twice as long everywhere. Approach via A8 exit 19 in Spiez and continue towards Kandersteg. In Reichenbach turn left towards Kiental. The parking lot is located directly after the bridge over the Spiggenbach. The equipment can still be driven about 1.3 km in the direction of Griesalp to the Spiggengrund junction. Follow the road to Spiggengrund on foot for about 1.7 km until you reach the first bridge over the Spiggenbach just after the weir. Never underestimate the amount of water in this canyon and the warnings regarding the danger of sudden floods! (see link to schlucht.ch for more details) Abseiling heights (estimated!!): C12, C15, C14, C28, C32 For details of the tour see https://www.christian-balla.de/Spiggenbach or video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phki8itowUA (machine translated)

Parts:
Glütschbach, v? a? ?, 1h50+3h+35min
Eggbach, v4 a4 III, 2h+3h+1h
Spiggenbach, v4 a3 IV, 50min+2h+10min