

# Kreuzgraben

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**Country:** Österreich / Austria **Region:** Kärnten **Subregion:** Bezirk Hermagor **Town:** Möderndorf

**Difficulty:** a little difficult

**Grading:** v4 a3 IV

**Total time:** 4h50

**Approachtime:** 40min

**Tourtime:** 3h30

**Returntime:** 40min

**Altitude entry:** 1390m

**Altitude exit:** 1100m

**Delta Altitude:** 290m

**Canyon length:** 1000m

**Highest rapell:** 45m

**Amount rapells:** 18

**Transport:** on Foot

**Rock type:**

**drainage area:** km<sup>2</sup>

**Season:**

**Orientation:**

**Best Time:**

**Rating:** ★ 3.1 (2)

**Info:** ★ 0 ()

**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**

Ropes: 2x50m

**Summary:** (machine translated)

Beautiful, incised lime canyon with lots of wood (beautiful passages predominate); catchment area 2.5Km<sup>2</sup>; can change greatly after flooding; be sure to take emergency equipment; two pitons on the higher steps, otherwise single pitons; (Inox 10mm); Emergency exit possible only at the beginning and towards the end of the tour; in part narrowly cut; two inlets; canyon flows into the Garnitzenklamm, but the lower part is completely overgrown and was absolutely not worthwhile during the first ascent in 2018; steep exit over boulder field and forest; exposure north.

**Hydrology:**

**Access:** (machine translated)

approx. 2h10min + 20min

From Salzburg south via the A10 (Tauern freeway) in the direction of Italy. Either exit at Feistritz and take the federal road towards Hermagor or via Villach and the Gailtaler federal road to Hermagor. Immediately after Hermagor through Kühwegboden to Möderndorf. From the Klammwirt (Garnitzenklamm) follow the mountain road to the first large hikers' parking lot (Eggeralm) (from Hermagor approx. 20min.). Tip: With two cars....see exit/return.

**Approach:** (machine translated)

approx. 40min

From the Eggeralm parking lot you climb next to the forest over the wooden fence. Then walk across the meadow up to the fort road (Kranischer Höhenweg 403). Follow the forest road (right) slightly uphill. After some time the forest road crosses a small stream (Rinserl). Next to it green forest road gate). After the iron gate it is still about 200m to a prominent left turn (at a clearing). Here you leave the forest road and walk in the direction of a small visible wooden hut. Steep and pathless you look for the descent straight over the forest ridge to the flat streambed with old wooden hut at 1390m.

**Tour:** (machine translated)

approx. 3,5h

In our opinion, the Kreuzgraben is one of the most beautiful limestone canyoning tours in Carinthia, if it weren't for the many wooden entrapments. The tour starts at the old decayed Holzklause at 1390m. If you already have the feeling that the stream has too much water, you should not continue because the amount of water increases by tributaries and it can be dangerous at the narrows. At the beginning of the tour is descended and downclimbed in the open terrain. There is a short walking passage followed by another descent in the water. After a small abseil from single pitons and a tree, there are two inlets (left/re) into the stream. At the latest after about 150m walking passages before the gorge the amount of water should be judged correctly (before the gorge an exit is still possible). From the narrow section on it becomes really beautiful. Several short abseils follow which are mostly in the water flow. The only disturbing thing are the wooden logs/clogs that one encounters again and again in the further course of the route. Despite the small catchment area of approx. 2,5Km<sup>2</sup>, the snags pose a great danger in case of a sudden rise in water. At the exit of the first gorge there is an unseen abseil point ("Z-passage"). Here you first rappel about 15m to the right of the waterfall. The next piton can be found high up on the right side, in the hollow. (Attention! During the rope retrieval, the rope can easily get caught in the crevice). A more open short downclimb and walking passages follows. In the half of the canyon you meet the highest abseil point of about 45m. The rappel can also be divided with 30m and 10m (Attention! Intermediate stand is located far to the right outside the water flow after a slippery rock band). After a short distance and a 5m step comes the second highest (about 30m) and most aquatic rappel. After the following 25m and 15m rappel the canyon opens briefly. There follows a short downclimb over boulder terrain (first boulder field). After that come the last two rappels where it gets tighter again. Once you have overcome the last steps, after about 50m of walking terrain, you come to a second boulder field at about 1100m. Here you get out of the canyon on the right (blue/yellow arrow on the rock).

If you want to do the lower part: 4 equipped rappelling points, a 6m slide and 1000 trees.

**Return:** (machine translated)

ca.40min-1h

The blue/yellow arrow on the rock marks the exit which first leads over the steep boulder field. After a few meters of altitude change to the left on the forest ridge (yellow markers). In the forest, follow the small stream on the orographic left side until you reach a visible forest road with a hunter's stand. First option: climb up the forest road (left) to the asphalt road and reach the Eggeralm parking lot via this road in about 15-20min. To save the 15-20 minute return trip on the upper part of the asphalt road, a second car can be parked in front of the forest road at the turnout (large beech tree with yellow cross). Second option: Continue climbing through the forest to the right in the direction of the visible second hunter's stand at the rock face. Below the rock wall, first cross to the left and then continue up to a forest road. Arrived at the forest road, climb a small open ridge to the left for the last time to the road bend 14 (1365m). After about 200m of asphalt road you are back at the starting point (Eggeralm parking lot).

**Coordinates:**Canyon Start [46.5797 13.3591](#)Parking Entry and Exit [46.5869 13.3741](#)Canyon End [46.5887 13.3628](#)**Reports:**

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