Kernalpbach (inferiore)

Fallenbach

Create: 2023-07-31 13:19:39	**Update:** 2025-05-20 13:24:28	**Print:** 2026-10-30 12:10:32
Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Nidwalden **Subregion:** Wolfenschiessen **Town:** Wolfenschiessen		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 IV	**Total time:** 3h25
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 990m	**Altitude exit:** 440m	**Delta Altitude:** 550m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 80m	**Amount rapells:** 18
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 4.00km²
Season: July - October	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (7)	**Info:** ★ 2.2 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (7)

Specialities:
Dam,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 85m

Summary: (machine translated)
Some really high waterfalls.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Water catchment before the last 3 rappels.

Access:

Approach: (machine translated)
Take the Diegisbalm self-service cable car to the middle station (first stop). From there, follow the road on foot to the left along the dirt track to the stream.

Tour: (machine translated)
Before that, there is always more water due to tributaries, but with little influence on the seriousness. The crux has no more water than you see at the start. The crux is an intermediate pool after 10 meters of rappel in a narrow chute. The pool is relatively small and turns even at normal water levels. The first climber must be belayed to the edge of the pool to get to the double belay for the following high rappel.

Before the highest rappel into the collector, there is an intermediate stand after approx. 5 meters directly below the edge. From there it is about 20 meters along the rock and then 50 meters free hanging.

Water catchment before the last 3 rappels.

Return: (machine translated)
After the last rappel, climb out of the stream to the right and back to the road. From there, turn left back to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.8939 8.3716
Parking Entry and Exit 46.8925 8.3843
Canyon End 46.8889 8.3814

Reports:

2026-07-05 | Sarah Allemann | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
A scenic tour! There’s a bit of wood at the start, but it’s not really a problem. The mini pool and the part leading up to the 70-meter rappel, as well as the rappel itself, are fantastic! After the pool, the stream was practically dry. The cable car (currently 6 CHF) works without a hitch. (machine translated)

2026-05-02 | Christoph Cramer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Screws on the stand in the small pool in the middle of the wall were both loose. We have tightened them. (machine translated)

2026-04-30 | Patrick Klarner | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Very scenic. Some nice rappels with water contact built in. (machine translated)

2024-10-06 | Bernotom | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | High | Completed
Good big to very big flow. We added an RG point to avoid the suspended basin in the C12+C30 sequence. (machine translated)

2024-09-07 | Simone Steffke | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
All anchors ok, but you have to search a bit. Below the C70 the anchors are RD behind a large block (not rg as in the topographic view). Very rewarding canyon! Don't be fooled by the amount of water you see from the valley (see pictures). The last 3 rappels are below the socket and it looks like very little. The water level at the top is okay. Take 6 CHF for the cable car or Twint. (machine translated)

2024-02-04 | Daniel Sturm | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Phenomenal scenic views. Today with fog in the valley that cleared during the day. Impressive rappel. Absolutely delightful. Anchors OK where you would expect two anchors. No chain anchors. The upper waterfall is the refernce. Then comes the water intake. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Basic data taken with kind permission by Matthias Holzinger from "Swiss Alps Canyoning VOL. 2.0" (machine translated)

2022-06-12 | Bernotom | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Very nice descent. Nice abseils, great atmosphere on the big waterfall. (machine translated)

Parts:
Kernalpbach (inferiore), v5 a3 IV, 10min+3h+15min
Kernalpbach (superiore), v3 a3 III, 30min+1h40+40min